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# WHO downgrades COVID-19 crisis

## UN health agency declares formal end to global emergency

**By Maria Cheng and Jamey Keaten**
Associated Press

GENEVA — The World Health Organization said Friday that COVID-19 no longer qualifies as a global emergency, marking a symbolic end to the devastating coronavirus pandemic that triggered once-unthinkable lockdowns, upended economies and killed millions of people worldwide.

The announcement, made more than three years after WHO declared the coronavirus an international crisis, offers some relief, if not an ending, to a pandemic that stirred fear and suspicion, hand-wringing and finger-pointing across the globe.

The U.N. health agency's officials said that even though the emergency phase was over, the pandemic hasn't finished, noting recent spikes in cases in Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

WHO says thousands of people are still dying from the virus every week, and millions of others are suffering from debilitating, long-term effects.

"It's with great hope that I declare COVID-19 over as a global health emergency," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

"That does not mean COVID-19 is over as a global health threat," he said, warning that new variants could yet emerge. Tedros noted that while the official COVID-19 death toll was 7 million, the real figure was estimated to be at least 20 million.

Tedros said the pandemic

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# Cemetery proposal worries residents

## Eco-friendly plan in Homer Township wouldn't use caskets

**By Michelle Mullins**
For Naperville Sun

A proposed cemetery in Homer Township that would include natural, eco-friendly burials with no caskets has residents, many who use private water wells, concerned about the effects the development would have on their drinking supply.

More than 200 residents packed the Homer Glen Village Hall on Tuesday to gather information from local and Will County officials. The cemetery, 18131 S. Meader Road, is in unincorporated Homer Township and permits have been issued by Will County and the Homer Township Road District.

According to the cemetery project's website, the Muslim Ummah Cemetery would be built on about 40 acres, can accommodate 24,000 graves and be open to all Muslims who desire to be buried in a dedicated Muslim cemetery. Burials will be natural and environmentally friendly in which there is no embalming of the body and no need for a traditional cement liner or casket, the website said. The deceased body is wrapped in a biodegradable shroud and placed directly into the earth, in compliance with the practices of Sunnah or traditional Islamic customs.

The cemetery anticipates to open for burials by July, its website said. It is expected to serve more than 30,000 households in a 20-mile radius, including residents from Bridgeview, Orland Park, Frankfort, Plainfield, Bolingbrook and Naperville.

Residents said their primary concern was the private wells, what impact burials would have on their water supply and if the soil would be tested for contamination. They said they were upset they weren't notified that the project was happening, and said their two-lane country road with no shoulders would not be able to handle an increase in traffic when funerals are happening.

Margaret Sabo, a former Homer Glen trustee, said while she remains neutral on the plan,

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Lauren Argenio shops for books on April 29 at Da Book Joint in the Boxville marketplace in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood.
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# 'BOXVILLE'

## Shipping containers give local entrepreneurs a chance to get their start in Bronzeville

Brightly painted shipping containers are used for small businesses in Bronzeville. The marketplace is known as Boxville.

***"People can come and find you. They can touch your products. Feel your products. You can build relationships with folks."***

*— Lauren Amos, Urban Juncture's director of small business development*

**By Nell Salzman** | Chicago Tribune

Courtney Woods had a hard time relating to the characters in the books she read in school.

As a teenager in South Shore, she said she gravitated away from George and Lennie in "Of Mice and Men" and toward the books that lined her mother's shelves — works by Richard Wright, Claude Thomas, Maya Angelou.

"I found that when I started reading about characters that looked like me — they had similar backgrounds as me, lived in similar settings and everything — it made reading so much more interesting," Woods said.

Woods, 30, and her mother, Verlean Singletary, run a bookstore out of a shipping container in Bronzeville, offering stories they hope speak to the surrounding community. Their store, Da Book Joint, specializes in Black literature from around the world.

They're part of a cluster of six businesses in Bronzeville housed in brightly painted shipping containers — a 2017 initiative called Boxville. Located on the corner of 51st Street and Calumet Avenue, Boxville is part of Urban Juncture Foundation's Build Bronzeville Initiative, which works on the revitalization of the historic Bronzeville community.

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## Casten: Madigan should give up post

U.S. Rep. Sean Casten called on indicted former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan to resign his last remaining Democratic post. **Chicagoland**

## Mervis hype similar to that of Rizzo

It was the most anticipated debut by a Cubs prospect since Kris Bryant in 2015, though Matt Mervis' call-up more closely resembled that of Anthony Rizzo 11 years ago. **Chicago Sports**

# Illinois lawmakers pass EV Charging Act

## Measure requires new homes to be built with electric vehicles in mind

**By Hank Sanders**
Chicago Tribune

Newly constructed homes in Illinois would be required to include the infrastructure needed for electric vehicle charging stations under a bill now on Gov. J.B. Pritzker's desk.

The "Electric Vehicle Charging Act," passed by the state House Thursday on a party-line 69-38 vote after earlier approval by the Senate, requires that new single-family or small multifamily homes offer at least "one EV-capable parking space for each residential unit that has dedicated parking." A large multifamily residential building must "have 100% of its total parking spaces EV-capable."

A charging port on the new electric Chevrolet Blazer is on display during a preview day for the Chicago Auto Show on Feb. 9 at McCormick Place.
**BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

"This is a bill that reflects our future, and future-proofs the future with electric vehicles in this state," Democratic state Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, who represents Chicago's Lakeview community and was the chief sponsor of this

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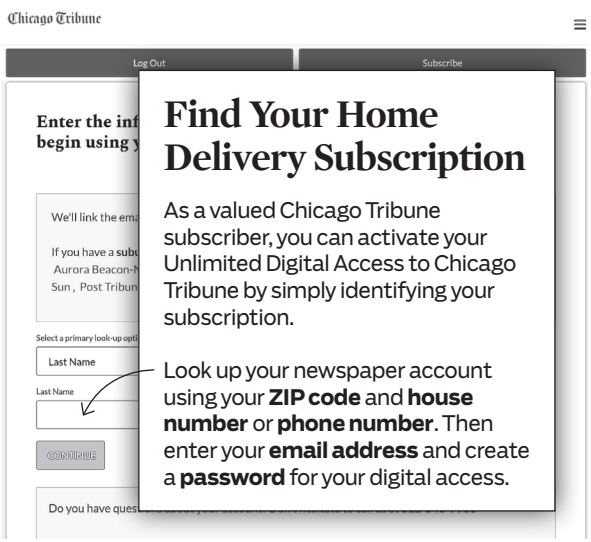
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'COMED FOUR' TRIAL

# Sentencing hearings are scheduled for Jan. in scheme to bribe Madigan

**By Ray Long and Jason Meisner**
Chicago Tribune

The four defendants in the ComEd bribery scheme are, from left, consultant Jay Doherty, lobbyist and former ComEd executive John Hooker, retired lobbyist Michael McClain and former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore.
CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

A federal judge on Friday set sentencing dates in January for the "ComEd Four," a group of utility executives and lobbyists convicted by a jury earlier this week in a yearslong scheme to bribe then-powerful Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Convicted on Tuesday were former ComEd contract lobbyist Michael McClain, Madigan's longtime confidant; former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore; former ComEd executive John Hooker, the utility's top lobbyist for years; and ComEd contract lobbyist Jay Doherty, the ex-president of the City Club, a civic forum for Chicago's elite.

In an order posted Friday afternoon, U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber set the first sentencing for Jan. 11 for McClain, followed by Pramaggiore on Jan. 16, Hooker on Jan. 25 and finally Doherty on Jan. 30.

If the date holds' McClain's sentencing hearing will come three months before he's set to go on trial along with Madigan on a separate indictment charging them with racketeering conspiracy.

Typically, federal defendants are required to report to prison within a couple of months of being sentenced, but McClain's attorneys could ask Leinenweber to extend that date so he won't have to prepare for his second trial from behind bars.

After deliberating for about 27 hours over five days, the jury of seven women and five men found that the ComEd Four conspired to funnel $1.3 million in payments to ghost "subcontractors," largely through Doherty's company, who were actually Madigan's cronies.

The utility also hired a clout-heavy law firm run by political operative Victor Reyes, distributed numerous college internships within Madigan's 13th Ward fiefdom and blatantly backed former McPier boss Juan Ochoa, the friend of a Madigan ally, for an $80,000-a-year seat on the utility's board of directors.

The most serious charges carry up to 20 years in prison, though all four defendants would likely face far less given their lack of criminal history and other mitigating factors.

Madigan and McClain are set to go to trial in April 2024 on the separate racketeering charges that allege an array of corrupt acts, including the ComEd scheme as well as a similar but smaller set of allegations involving AT&T's Illinois affiliate.

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# With Chicago set to move to elected school board, proposed boundaries for 20 districts released

**By Sarah Macaraeg**
Chicago Tribune

State Sen. Robert Martwick speaks during a news conference on Sept. 15. Martwick was a sponsor of the legislation creating an elected school board in Chicago.
ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The transition to an elected school board in Chicago moved a step closer to becoming a reality Friday, as the Democratic caucuses of the Illinois Senate and House released a draft of the boundaries for 20 districts in which voters will begin to elect school board members in 2024.

According to a Friday news release from Illinois House and Senate Democrats, the map reflects feedback gathered from citywide public hearings, "including requests to keep communities of interest as whole as possible and to ensure the maps reflect the diversity of Chicago."

The lawmakers said they welcome additional input on the proposed map, which can be viewed here. The boundaries must be finalized by the General Assembly by July 1.

Opportunities for feedback on the map include an in-person hearing at 10 a.m. Saturday at Curie High School, 4959 S. Archer Ave., held by the Illinois House. A virtual meeting is also planned for 5 p.m. Tuesday at www.ilga.gov, at which the Senate Special Committee on the Chicago Elected Representative School Board will receive testimony regarding the proposed map.

Constituents can also email feedback to RedistrictingCommittee@hds.ilga.gov and ChicagoERSBCommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov.

The boundaries for the 20 districts must meet the requirements of the Illinois Voting Rights Act and must be drawn in a way that "preserves clusters of minority voters if they are of size or cohesion to exert collective electoral power," according to the Senate Democrats' announcement.

"Moving to a popularly elected board is about equity for all Chicago communities, giving everyone a say and a stake in the future of our neighborhoods. Delivering on this goal starts with districts that reflect our unique and diverse communities," state Rep. Ann Williams, leader of the House Democrats' CPS districting working group, said in the news release. "People in neighborhoods across our city deserve a voice in our schools, and using their insight to help shape the districts can make that a reality."

As of his inauguration May 15, Chicago Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson will have the power to appoint all members of the currently seven-person board. The group will triple in size to become a board of 21 members following the November 2024 election, when 10 members will be elected, and 10 members and the board president will continue to be appointed by the mayor. Then in November 2026, voters will chose the first fully-elected board, one from each of 20 districts and a president elected at large, under a measure Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law in 2021.

State Sen. Robert Martwick, a sponsor of the legislation creating an elected school board in Chicago, said in the news release that the transition will "bring much-needed accountability and transparency to Chicago Public Schools." With the release of the draft map, he said, "We are another step closer to our goal of community-led education that puts students first."

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# Cemetery

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there is a potential that the site contains a cemetery that predates the Civil War, and historians are researching whether the town's ancestors were buried there before the 1850s.

Lisa Meader, whose third-generation farm borders the proposed cemetery, voiced concerns about the impact to wells, the impact to her crops, drainage, soil erosion and property values. The street the cemetery is located on is named for her grandfather.

"It's not just about me," she said. "It's about the impact of the whole area."

Resident Bart Basinski said all homes adjacent to the property have private wells and the only access is a small country road.

Sean Conners, the Will County Health Department's environmental health division director, said he consulted with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"This type of burial is probably the greenest way you can go, very low risk for contamination if certain things are met," he said. "There are a lot of variables. For example soil type, depth to the aquifer ... the pH of the soil, there's a lot of different factors that need to be addressed."

The general conclusion is that a cemetery of this nature has little risk to the groundwater if all conditions are met, he said. The Illinois Water Well Construction Code and Illinois Groundwater Protection Act have no reference for setback for cemeteries, Conners said. The water well code has various listing for other setbacks, which are 75 feet, he said.

Residents, however, said they have heard conflicting information.

Some residents cited studies done by the United Kingdom to prevent or limit groundwater pollution from human burials that was last updated in 2022. The study states that human burials should not be done within 250 meters — about 820 feet — of any well where the water is intended for human consumption or used in food production.

The study says there is potential for groundwater pollution caused by large numbers of burials in a short time and the cumulative effects of many burials over a longer period of time.

A study by the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe concluded "the pollution potential from cemeteries is present, but in a well managed cemetery with suitable soil conditions and drainage arrangements, the risk is probably slight."

"There hasn't been any definitive outbreaks associated with groundwater contamination due to cemeteries," Conners said. "We can take that a couple of ways. One, it's not an issue. Two, it is an issue — it just hasn't been investigated properly. Three, we don't have enough data."

Will County issued the permit for the first phase of development for five acres of earthwork and up to 25,000 square feet for impervious parking and pavement, said Brian Radner, director of development services with the Will County land use department.

The cemetery is a permitted use and does not require notification to nearby residents under state statute or county ordinances, according to the land use department.

A funeral home is part of a second phase for the project, according to the cemetery website.

No building plans have been submitted to the county for the property, which could trigger other steps including a possible zoning change and review by the local fire district, Radner said.

Homer Township Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio issued a permit for access to the property. If the group develops more than five acres, then the access permit would be pulled, he said.

Homer Township Supervisor Steve Balich, who also serves on the Will County Board, said officials first learned about the project last week, but plan to start discussions about it at the County Board's land use and development committee at 10:30 a.m. May 9 in Joliet.

Cass Wennlund, the New Lenox Township supervisor, lives near the site and said that the cemetery should be required to obtain a special use permit. He urged residents to contact Will County board members asking them to initiate the process so conditions could be placed on the project.

"The issue is a land use issue," he said. "Why are these things permitted uses in any residential category or any agricultural category of zoning. Why aren't they special uses? If they were a special use, it would be heard before the Will County Planning and Zoning Commission, it would be heard by Homer Township."

"The only way that can happen is if the Will County zoning ordinance is amended," he said.

Conditions could then be placed on the project, such as limiting the size of the cemetery, the amount of burials, ensuring that the road is satisfactory or monitoring groundwater, he said.

Will County board member Jim Richmond, a Republican from Mokena who represents the area, said while the cemetery is a permitted use for the land, he feels that needs to be changed to a special use.

Homer Glen Mayor Christina Neitzke-Troike said while Homer Glen does not have jurisdiction over the plans, she is happy to help residents get the answers they are looking for, which will then be put on the village's website for convenience.

Cemetery officials did not return a phone call or an email on Wednesday.

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# CHICAGOLAND

## Casten calls on Madigan to resign his remaining Democratic post

**By Rick Pearson**
Chicago Tribune

Third-term U.S. Rep. Sean Casten called on indicted former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan to resign his post as a Cook County Democratic committeeperson Friday following the convictions earlier this week of a top Madigan ally and three others on bribery conspiracy charges.

"Mr. Madigan will have his day in court, but the corruption has come too close to his office for him to claim ignorance," Casten said in a statement.

"Public service is a sacred trust. For the good of our democracy and the Democratic Party, he should step down at once."

Casten, of Downers Grove, is the highest-ranking Democrat to call for Madigan to give up the 13th Ward Democratic committeeperson post. It's the last position he has kept since his once-powerful stature was diminished by a federal investigation in which Commonwealth Edison agreed to plead guilty and pay a $200 million fine for trying to curry influence with Madigan for legislation it backed.

Madigan gave up the speakership in January 2021 after facing a challenge from his caucus. He had held the post since 1983 with the exception of two years when Republicans held a House majority in the mid-1990s.

A month later Madigan gave up the House seat he had held since 1970 and days later resigned as chair of the Illinois Democratic Party, a post he took over in 1998.

On Tuesday a federal jury convicted Madigan top confidant Michael McClain, former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore, former ComEd executive John Hooker and lobbyist Jay Doherty on charges of illegally using contracts and other favors to try to gain Madigan's favor. The verdicts set the stage for the trial of Madigan on racketeering charges next year.

Former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan speaks during a meeting for his replacement on Feb. 25, 2021, at the Balzekas Museum in West Lawn. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Casten said his primarily west and south suburban 6th Congressional District, redrawn after the 2020 federal census, "represents thousands of Illinoisans in the 13th Ward of Chicago."

Records on file with the State Board of Elections show the 13th Ward Democratic Organization political fund, which Madigan controls, ended March with nearly $2.6 million in cash available.

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## For birds migrating north, their trip over Chicago comes with peril

**By Nell Salzman**
Chicago Tribune

Migratory bird movement is in full swing, and experts are urging Chicagoans to turn off their lights at night to help protect the birds over the next few days from fatal window collisions.

Thousands of birds carpeted the sky Thursday night, according to Annette Prince, director and president of Chicago Bird Collision Monitors, a nonprofit dedicated to the respite and protection of migratory birds through daily rescue efforts, when on Thursday Chicago experienced a drastic shift in wind patterns moving up from the south, prompting waves of birds to pass through downtown looking for green space to settle.

Chicago is located on the Mississippi flyway, and birds pass through the city on their journey north toward Canada in search of a good place to nest and breed for the summer.

On her way to work this morning, Prince found a little bird in the street, stunned.

"He couldn't even move, he just sat there blinking and hurt," she said. "It would have been just a matter of seconds before a car came and ran him over."

Birds fly at night to protect themselves from predators. They navigate using the moon and stars, but artificial light from city buildings can skew their flight and make them crash into glass.

This morning, the CBCM hotline was swamped with calls from people around the city. Prince said after a night like Thursday, it's not uncommon for people to look out onto rooftops from their downtown offices and find them littered with dead and dying birds.

During key migration months — spring and fall — CBCM leads volunteer groups ranging between eight and 20 people to walk around skyscrapers and scoop up fallen flyers. They take the injured ones to the Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn for rehabilitation and care, and take thousands of dead birds each year to the Field Museum, where they are added to the collection for documentation and research.

Using weather surveillance radar techniques, real-time bird migration numbers can be found online at BirdCast. Researchers from the Field Museum are now also going out across Illinois to conduct a spring species count from the ground.

CBCM volunteer groups collect up to 7,000 birds each year, about a quarter of which are injured, Prince said.

"And that's just the tip of the iceberg. That's just what we've found, and what people report to us," she said.

A study published in June found that bird collision mortality could be reduced by about 60% if artificial light was cut in half. This would have global implications, as birds are a critical part of controlling insects, distributing seeds, and pollinating plants.

"These birds are doing a really hazardous thing, and we make it even more hazardous by putting buildings along the lakefront," said John Bates, curator of the division of birds at the Field Museum.

Chicago has been ranked as the most dangerous city for migratory birds in North America by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

In July 2021, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the Bird Safe Buildings Act, requiring bird-safety building features to be implemented in construction and renovation of state-owned buildings in Illinois.

But Prince said she has heard bird strikes are increasing in the West Loop, as skyscrapers, stores and restaurants bring more glass to downtown Chicago. Thrushes, orioles, woodpeckers, yellow-bellied sapsuckers and herons are among the species of birds she and her volunteers pick up on any given morning.

"The glass confuses them — because it's clear and they think they can fly into it, or they think it's a tree and it's really the reflection of a tree," Prince said.

Prince said sometimes she finds birds that weigh as little as two pennies. They're spectacular, she said. Bright orange, yellow and red.

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## Charging

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bill, told the Tribune. "This sort of trickles down to my constituents."

Republican state Rep. Travis Weaver took issue with that reasoning from Feigenholtz, noting that it was led in both chambers by lawmakers who represent parts of Chicago's North Side and does not suit the interests of all Illinois residents.

"If less than 1% of cars on the road are EVs, and less than 0.1% of cars in my district are EVs, I just don't see why we're having people in downstate Illinois pay for this infrastructure," said Weaver, who represents a swath of central Illinois.

Weaver expressed concern that the costs stemming from the measure would unnecessarily raise the cost of new homes for those without EVs.

"Is it something that you would consider just doing in Evanston to begin with and then expanding throughout the state?" he asked the bill's chief House sponsor, Rep. Robyn Gabel, an Evanston Democrat.

Gabel said that would not be considered, and clarified that developers would only be required to pay for the wiring that could allow for a charging system to be installed. She said the cost for that is minimal.

"Less than $1,000 is what we've been told," she said.

The home or unit owner would pay for the charging system that connects their car to the internal wiring that is provided by the new building as well as the "electricity usage associated."

If that unit owner later moved, they either would have to pay for the dismantling of the charging station, or sell it to the landlord or another tenant at an agreed-upon price.

Pritzker has been a strong advocate for clean energy. In 2021 he signed a bill that increases incentives aimed at increasing EV production and he has stated a goal of ensuring that there are 1 million electric cars in the state by 2030.

There is still a long way to go to reach that milestone. There are about 68,000 registered EVs in the entire state, with almost 50,000 of those in Cook (including Chicago), DuPage and Lake counties, according to the secretary of state's April data.

Gabel said that under an earlier version of the bill, government and private business buildings would be required to provide EV charging accessibility, but the measure being sent to Pritzker only concerns residential buildings.

The Electric Vehicle Charging Act comes with separate requirements for affordable housing. While this bill would take effect for most building permits issued 90 days after it is signed, the clock doesn't start for affordable housing until two years after it becomes law. Even then, only 40% of affordable housing spots need to be fitted, a percent that gradually increases over time.

Feigenholtz said installing charging capability during construction is significantly cheaper than doing so after the fact.

"The cost differential is about 75% preconstruction," she said.

While all new construction will be required to offer EV charging infrastructure, unit owners and renters of existing buildings may request the addition of the charging infrastructure if they pay for the construction. Noncompliance from the homeowners association or landlord would carry potential fines of as much as $1,000.

The bill was applauded by climate groups, while the Illinois Realtors association was originally opposed. After several amendments, the realtor group has softened its stance.

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## 'Boxville'

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The South Side has always been a book desert, Woods said. She described the corridor outside her bookstore as being undertrafficked, strewn with trash.

"I want everyone to realize there is more than what you see when you look out on 51st Street," she said.

A concept that began in 2017 with a single business selling bikes out of a container is now entering its sixth summer with 17 available shipping containers that operate year-round. The summer months are when Boxville really comes to life, offering pop-up markets on Wednesdays and fitness classes and programming in the nearby garden.

Ald. Pat Dowell, 3rd, called Boxville a "creative approach to entrepreneurship" for young business owners. Micro-boxes are just $400 a month, while many brick-and-mortar establishments cost thousands of dollars to build out. An Illinois Small Business Development Center, hosted by Urban Juncture Foundation, has an office and public "incubator" space along the 51st Street corridor, just feet away from the businesses.

Lauren Amos, Urban Juncture's director of small business development, said business owners are always popping their heads into her office to ask for advice. Born and raised in Chicago with a background in finance, she said spreadsheets are her love language. Her job is to offer one-on-one advice for local businesses, connect them with helpful organizations and provide resources.

The world of entrepreneurship can be lonely, Amos said. But Boxville is a vibrant and interactive community. Businesses set their own hours, though they're all open between noon and 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

"People can come and find you. They can touch your products. Feel your products. You can build relationships with folks," she said.

A person walks out of Da Book Joint, a Black-owned and Black author-focused bookstore on Friday at Boxville in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood. **SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

### Reading as a 'form of escape'

Singletary has loved reading since the age 3. She remembers devouring Alice Walker's "The Color Purple" as an 11-year-old, deeply affected by Celie's story of endurance. An accountant by day, she passed her love of words on to her daughter.

Woods said she and her mother found out about Boxville through Desiree Sanders, mother of the rapper and poet Noname and owner of the now-closed Afrocentric Books, one of the first Black- and woman-owned bookstores in Chicago. They moved into their 20-foot box in December 2021.

The store has about 350 books on small shelves mounted to the wall. There are bookmarks and notebooks for sale under LED light, and plastic green vines that drape down from the ceiling. It's modern, and almost has the feel of a tiny speakeasy.

Singletary said she can't have all the books she wants because her space is so small. She pours through publishers' magazines to curate her selection, which ranges from children's books to crime fiction. Walter Mosley and K'wan Foye are authors she's been reading a lot lately, she said.

"It has always been a dream of mine to have a bookstore," Singletary told the Tribune. "I wanted to share all these wonderful titles that I've read and had exposure to with different people who may not know they exist."

Da Book Joint hosts two book clubs a month in the nearby incubator space.

### The print guy

In college, artist William Jamison bought himself a heat press because he wanted his own brand. After he graduated, he bought himself a silk screen machine and told his parents he wanted to make art for the rest of his life. They gave him a year, said his business partner and Boxville co-director Amber "Ajai" Frazier.

"Ten years ago, he became my print guy," Frazier said.

Five years ago, after an opportunity opened up in Boxville, Frazier, Jamison and artist Eddie White began selling prints out of a shipping container. They moved into a 40-foot container in June 2019.

Along with printing, their business The Work Spot also helps local businesses in Bronzeville and Hyde Park with marketing and branding. They've partnered with almost all owners in Boxville to help them create their own marketing visions.

Frazier calls herself a "serial entrepreneur" but said one of the best parts of her job is sitting down with a client, understanding what they want and then seeing it manifest in a final product. The brand is everything, she said.

"It's your identity. It's like your fingerprint. It is uniquely yours," Frazier said. "It allows people to know who you are. ... If you have that tagline, people are able to resonate with your message."

Frazier works closely with Ian Gonzalez, owner of Last Lap Cornerstore in Boxville, which sells running goods. She worked on his decal and helped him with on-site printing for different Nike events he hosted, she said.

### Falling in love with running

Gonzalez said he read Harry Potter books and played "Grand Theft Auto" when he was a kid. He barely ran, not even to the bus stop.

But he has always been an entrepreneur, he said, and while working his dream job at Nike Running Bucktown, he got hired to work the 2016 Chicago Marathon. He said meeting the athletes who ran the race inspired him to try running for the first time.

He calls runners evangelists. They suck you in. Their stories inspired him to go on longer and longer runs — 5 miles, then 10, then 15. Gonzalez has now run five marathons and two ultramarathons.

"I did not know you could physically see salt on your body the way you do after training for a marathon," Gonzalez said. "I had years and years of pent-up energy not going anywhere that I just let out. That's when I fell in love with running."

Shiny sneakers line the walls of his box, and running shirts and shorts are folded neatly on the shelves. Gonzalez opened in Boxville to offer a running store on the South Side, a part of the city he felt lacked running communities.

His running group, Seven on Sundays, brings together people of all ages and levels of fitness. The group meets at his store at 7 a.m. and runs 7 miles around Washington Park and along South King Drive.

Before Seven on Sundays, the running space in Chicago was predominantly white and siloed, said Gonzalez.

"They met in their neighborhoods on the North Side, and what I would hear coming into the running group is that a lot of these groups are exclusive, elitist," he said. "It's all about fast."

He said his group and another in Hyde Park transformed the culture on the South Side. It's a lot more collaborative now, and a lot more inviting.

Sunday morning was the last time the group will meet in front of the corner store. Like many Boxville businesses, Gonzalez plans to move to a bigger location. But he said he's only able to do so because he got his start in Boxville.

Over 50 people met in front of Gonzalez's baby blue painted box on Sunday. As they stretched and mingled, Gonzalez spoke about what being in Boxville has meant to him. He got choked up talking about how much the running community in Bronzeville has affected his life.

"The running community is what motivated me to open this store," said Gonzalez. "Starting Seven on Sundays in Bronzeville and watching the community grow helped me find my passion and love for the sport."

### 'You nurture it, and eventually it leaves'

Boxville is about providing opportunities for growth, said co-director Walter Mendenhall. Businesses develop their leadership capabilities.

"It's kind of like a child. You nurture it, and eventually it leaves," Mendenhall said.

He said they're now in the process of recruiting more businesses for the summer months. They've received 32 applications, and will choose their top 12.

Mendenhall is the founder of Male Mogul Initiative, a nonprofit that transforms the way young men live and lead in their communities through leadership, entrepreneurship and workforce development. Male Mogul has a for-profit space in Boxville where young people in the community sell clothing, artwork, books and other accessories they've often produced themselves.

Male Mogul started in 2016 after Mendenhall had a conversation with a young man on the West Side during a career fair. He was a great kid — a basketball player, honor roll student, well-respected in his school, said Mendenhall. But he also was involved in selling drugs.

"After that conversation, I thought to myself, 'How many young men in the city have the gifts, skills and abilities to be successful? How many entrepreneurs don't have the ability to be successful?'" Mendenhall said.

It began with five kids at a local church and has grown to serve over 1,200 kids. In the summer, his box is a community hub.

"Our community has to be healthy if our businesses are going to be healthy," Amos said.

The 17 small shipping container spaces with drywall and electricity foster a warm and inviting environment in an otherwise empty part of Bronzeville.

It's not easy being a small-business owner, Singletary said.

She said the best part of owning a bookstore in Bronzeville is the conversations she has with her customers. Kids often come into the store and tell her they don't like to read.

But sometimes, a kid chooses a book that speaks to them.

"A little kid saw a book the other day, took it down from the shelf and said, 'Oh my God, he looks just like me!'" she said.

These are moments, she said, that make it all worth it.

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# YOUR VOICE

# Insects are essential to the everyday fabric of life

**By Allen Young**

As spring gives way to summer, nature's treasure chest awakens. Earth's biological wealth sprouts, blooms and clamors. These contents once blanketed the landscape with a thin, life-sustaining fabric, the biosphere. But human activity has contributed to the shrinking of the chest.

A major slice of the treasure is insects and the roles they play in structuring food chains, communities and ecosystems linking them to plants, fungi, microorganisms and other animals. Insects are key to transferring energy from plants in terrestrial food chains, shaping much of Earth's biological wealth. Their small body size, prolific reproduction, life cycles, diverse forms and habits mold their ecological prowess.

The ecological significance of insects is reflected in their long history, which spans an estimated 400 million years. A major bounce to this success began with flowering plants some 145 million years ago, coinciding with pollinators, including butterflies and moths, beetles, winged social insects and flies.

Insects make up 80% of animal life. In the U.S. alone, there are about 90,000 described species, the largest being beetles at 24,000; flies, 20,000;, ants, beetles and wasps, about 18,000; and moths and butterflies, 12,000. There are about 900,000 known species of insects worldwide with perhaps an additional several million yet to be discovered.

Insect biomass far outweighs that of all other animals. Anywhere from 1 billion to 10 billion ants weigh as much as the sum total of humanity. There are about 200 million individual insects for every human, or 300 pounds of insects for each pound of humans.

An American burying beetle (Nicrophorus americanus) specimen in the insects, arachnids and myriapods collection at Chicago's Field Museum. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

While we relish a gorgeous tiger swallowtail butterfly sipping nectar from the magenta blooms of New England asters and the glow of fireflies on a summer night, we abhor mosquitoes, ants on the kitchen counter and picnic raids by yellowjackets. Yet, only a minuscule fraction of insects, including agricultural pests, warrants our disdain.

The insect world is one of physical, literary and mystical beauty. Some of the most desirable costumes and fine jewelry portray beetles, dragonflies and butterflies. Some cultures use insects as sources for medicines, religious beliefs and symbols of the spiritual world. There was even wisdom about life woven in fables. A confused Alice sought guidance from a toadstool-sitting caterpillar. When viewed through this looking glass, insects and other small creatures are to be praised for such survival success and adaptive ingenuity.

Even though the majority of insects go largely unnoticed, some have a beneficial impact on our lives. According to insect conservation group the Xerces Society, bugs provide about $60 billion of services every year in the U.S. alone: $5 billion in pest control, $50 billion as food for wildlife, $3 billion in pollination by native bee species and about $400 million in dung returning nutrients to soil. Declines of insect populations lower crop successes and threaten food webs and bird populations.

About 40% of insects face possible extinction in the next few decades owing to habitat loss, ecosystem fragmentation, pesticides and climate change. But preserving natural habitats, designing gardens with native flora, reducing pesticide usage and protecting large tracts of land such as national parks, rangelands and the millions of acres of roadside forests could stabilize insect numbers and diversity.

While insects are not viewed as wildlife, the planning of conservation areas ought to consider what they need to survive.

Doing so can alleviate challenges to insect survival, such as annual swings in dryness, rainfall, snowmelt and other factors. And we are part of the equation. Let us convert one minute of human life into two minutes of human enrichment of our changing natural world as symbolized by a great spangled fritillary butterfly on Joe Pye weed. On steamy summer days, relish the buzzing of cicadas and chirping of crickets as escapes from beeps and ringtones.

If we listen and observe, there can be an understanding that those slices of wilderness we readily embrace, birds and mammals, are built upon much of what is hidden, especially insects and the life they support. Perhaps doing so can slow the shrinking of nature's treasure chest, adding restorative grease to its fragile hinges, allowing future blossoming of summer. And insects rule again.

*Allen Young is curator emeritus of zoology at the Milwaukee Public Museum. He is the author of "Small Creatures and Ordinary Places."*

## Importance of clean energy

Regarding the article "'Problem-solving is our favorite' " (May 1), about the area's first hydrogen-powered grand prix: This event echoes the charm of the YMCA's pinewood derby car race my kids and I participated in years ago. But my recollection perhaps glosses over this question: Why is such a race happening?

The interest in hydrogen as transportation fuel is largely driven by the climate crisis, which the article alludes to ("decarbonize industries," for example). However, the fact that clean energy is essential to preserving a climate cool enough to avoid a truly disastrous impact on most forms of life is not explicitly stated. I consider it overly optimistic to think that all readers connected those dots.

I sincerely hope that these creative students realize the import of their projects and continue to work toward a fossil-free transportation system, or perhaps take up building electrification and efficiency, as advocated by the Citizens' Climate Lobby, an organization for which problem-solving is also a "favorite."

*— Gary M. Stewart, Laguna Beach, California*

## Time to rally around mission

The United States has been a world leader for decades. In the past, faced by world-threatening forces, we put personal issues aside, pulled together and accomplished great things. Back then, Americans had a mission, and every aspect of our daily lives was directed, gladly, at that mission. We led, and the world followed.

Today, America has become divided as we squabble over issues that are meaningless in light of the global problems we all face, no matter where or how we live. Sadly, it seems we can hardly see the mission that we should all rally to accomplish. The entire world is threatened by rising temperatures that have created life-threatening weather and disasters: wildfires, tornadoes, flooding and more. But we have yet to rally around this threat.

It's time to put personal ideologies aside and fight together to save not only our way of life, but also life as we know it on our planet.

*— David Kravitz, Chicago*

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## Memories of 3 Star Tavern

Thanks for the article in last Saturday's Tribune about Jerry Colangelo and 3 Star Tavern ("Tavern, once a taste of the old country, to close after 87 years"). I was born and raised on East 22nd Street in Chicago Heights just a few blocks from 3 Star Tavern.

Although I am a few years younger than Jerry, I remember playing basketball in a pickup game at the St. Rocco/Mount Carmel school playground with Jerry, even though I doubt that he remembers me. I did visit the 3 Star on several occasions, usually to play the lottery when they had machines there and picking up a quart of Canadian Club Whisky for my father. The street was a mixture of Italians, Slovaks and Poles, and we all got along very well together.

Although I don't live on 22nd Street, I still own my boyhood home there, and I still live in Chicago Heights.

*— Harold "Harry" Plucienik, Chicago Heights*

## Replace USPS with UPS

I just made a rare visit to my local post office. There was only one clerk on duty, regardless of how long the line. The clerk was competent and pleasant. But she called for a replacement when it was her break time, despite the long line of customers.

Across the street is a UPS office — always well staffed with superior customer service. In contrast, the United States Postal Service, which has been subsidized by billions of taxpayer dollars, is a disgrace.

We never have the same postal carrier from day to day. Sometimes, our Saturday mail is delivered on Sunday morning. Some mail is never delivered. Mail theft and subsequent check forging have become quite common.

It would be a fine accomplishment for our elected officials to abolish the USPS and turn the business over to competent and competitive businesses, such as UPS.

*— Richard Nolan, Park Ridge*

## Help for family caregivers

The federal government recently took a huge leap forward supporting caregivers. A groundbreaking White House executive order includes more than 50 directives for agencies to improve access to affordable, high-quality support for direct care workers and family caregivers. Family caregivers provide unpaid care to their loved ones who are unable to manage on their own due to illness, disability or aging.

Here in Illinois, the Illinois Family Caregiver Coalition (IFCC) serves as a connection between the federal road map assisting family caregivers, known as the RAISE Act recommendations, and senior leaders in Illinois, as well as caregivers and care coordinators.

The IFCC is convening this statewide group of stakeholders to identify gaps in the system to better support the estimated 1.3 million unpaid family caregivers in Illinois who provide 1.2 billion caregiving hours for loved ones at home and in long-term care facilities.

Supporting family caregivers is the single most cost-effective way for all of us to live in community as we age and to avoid entering skilled nursing facilities before it's absolutely necessary.

It is imperative that we support caregivers to ensure they can continue providing high-quality care to their loved ones. We urge policymakers, health care providers and the public to recognize the contributions of family caregivers. We call on the Illinois General Assembly to prioritize unpaid family caregivers in the state budget.

*— Amy Brennan, executive director, Illinois Family Caregiver Coalition*

## Justice should step down

As an unpaid zoning recommendation board member, I had to submit a statement of my economic interests, gifts, donations and more. I had to complete training in sexual harassment.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas should resign.

*— Alena Gust, Deer Park*

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Javier Anto presses his hands against the window separating him from his wife, Carmen Panzano, in April 2021 at a nursing home in Barcelona, Spain, that was employing COVID-19 restrictions against in-person visits. **EMILIO MORENATTI/AP**

# COVID-19

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had been on a downward trend for more than a year, acknowledging that most countries have already returned to life before COVID-19.

He bemoaned the damage that COVID-19 had done to the global community, saying the pandemic had shattered businesses, exacerbated political divisions, led to the spread of misinformation and plunged millions into poverty.

The political fallout in some countries was swift and unforgiving.

Some pundits say missteps by President Donald Trump in his administration's response to the pandemic had a role in his losing reelection bid in 2020. The United States saw the deadliest outbreak anywhere in the world — where more than 1 million people died across the country.

Dr. Michael Ryan, WHO's emergencies chief, said it was incumbent on heads of states and other leaders to negotiate a wide-ranging pandemic treaty to decide how future health threats should be managed.

Ryan said that some of the scenes witnessed during COVID-19, when people resorted to "bartering for oxygen canisters," fought to get into emergency rooms and died in parking lots because they couldn't get treated, must never be repeated.

When the U.N. health agency first declared the coronavirus to be an international crisis on Jan. 30, 2020, it hadn't yet been named COVID-19 and there were no major outbreaks beyond China.

More than three years later, the virus has caused an estimated 764 million cases globally and about 5 billion people have received at least one dose of vaccine.

In the U.S., the public health emergency declaration made regarding COVID-19 is set to expire May 11, when extensive measures to support the pandemic response, including vaccine mandates, will end.

When Tedros declared COVID-19 to be an emergency in 2020, he said his greatest fear was the virus's potential to spread in countries with weak health systems.

In fact, some of the countries that suffered the worst COVID-19 death tolls were previously judged to be the best-prepared for a pandemic, including the U.S. and Britain. According to WHO data, the number of deaths reported in Africa account for just 3% of the global total.

WHO doesn't "declare" pandemics, but first used the term to describe the outbreak in March 2020, when the virus had spread to every continent except Antarctica, long after many other scientists had said a pandemic was already underway.

WHO is the only agency mandated to coordinate the world's response to acute health threats, but the organization faltered repeatedly as the coronavirus unfolded.

In January 2020, WHO publicly applauded China for its supposedly speedy and transparent response, even though recordings of private meetings obtained by The Associated Press showed top officials were frustrated at the country's lack of cooperation.

Numerous scientists also slammed WHO's reluctance to acknowledge that COVID-19 was frequently spread in the air and by people without symptoms, criticizing the agency's lack of strong guidance to prevent such exposure.

Most recently, WHO has struggled to investigate the origins of the coronavirus, a challenging scientific endeavour that has also become politically fraught.

After a weekslong visit to China, WHO released a report in 2021 concluding that COVID-19 most likely jumped into humans from animals, dismissing the possibility that it originated in a lab as "extremely unlikely."

But the U.N. agency backtracked the following year, saying "key pieces of data" were still missing and that it was premature to rule out that COVID-19 might have ties to a lab.

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### ON MAY 6 ...

**On 1856,** Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, was born in the present-day Czech Republic. Also in 1856 explorer Robert Edwin Peary was born in Cresson, Pa.

**In 1861** Arkansas seceded from the Union.

**In 1862** philosopher and author Henry David Thoreau died in Concord, Mass; he was 44.

**n 1882,** over the veto of President Chester Arthur, Congress passed legislation barring Chinese immigrants from the U.S. for 10 years.

**In 1889** the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

**In 1895** Rudolph Valentino, who would become a star of silent movies, was born in Castellaneta, Italy.

**In 1915** Babe Ruth, then with the Boston Red Sox, hit his first major league home run, against the New York Yankees in the old Polo Grounds, which the Yankees then shared with the Giants.

**In 1937** the hydrogen-filled German dirigible "Hindenburg" burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

**In 1941** Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav Molotov.

**In 1942,** during World War II, about 15,000 Americans and Philippine troops on Corregidor surrendered to the Japanese.

**In 1954** medical student Roger Bannister broke the 4-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3 minutes and 59.4 seconds.

**In 1960** Britain's Princess Margaret married commoner Anthony Armstrong-Jones in Westminster Abbey. (They would divorce in 1978.)

**In 1981** Yale architecture student Maya Lin was named winner of a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. .

**In 1992** actress Marlene Dietrich died in Paris; she was 90.

**In 1994** Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand formally opened the Channel Tunnel between their countries. Also in 1994 former Arkansas state worker Paula Jones filed suit against President Bill Clinton, alleging he had sexually harassed her in 1991, when he was Arkansas' governor.

**In 1996** the body of former CIA director William Colby was found washed up on a riverbank in southern Maryland, eight days after he had disappeared.

**In 1995** friends and relatives of the Oklahoma City bombing victims made a somber pilgrimage to the site of the attack to say goodbye to their loved ones.

**In 1997** hemophiliacs who contracted AIDS between 1978 and 1985 from tainted blood products accepted a $600 million settlement from four health-care companies.

**In 1999,** reversing decades of overwhelming loyalty to Britain's governing Labor Party, Scottish and Welsh supporters elected strong nationalist oppositions to their first separate assemblies of modern times.

**In 2000** Fusaichi Pegasus became the first favorite to win the Kentucky Derby since Spectacular Bid in 1979.

**In 2001** Pope John Paul II, during his visit to Syria, became the first Roman Catholic pontiff to enter a mosque as he called for brotherhood between Christians and Muslims.

**In 2002** right-wing Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn was shot and killed in Hilversum, Netherlands. (Volkert van der Graaf was later convicted of killing Fortuyn and was sentenced to 18 years in prison.)

**In 2003** Kmart Corp. emerged from bankruptcy after more than 15 months of Chapter 11 protection.

**In 2004** President George W. Bush apologized for the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by American soldiers, calling it "a stain on our country's honor"; he rejected calls for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's resignation. Also in 2004 an estimated 51.1 million people tuned in for the final episode of "Friends" on NBC.

**In 2006** Lillian Gertrud Asplund, the last American survivor of the sinking of the Titanic, died in Shrewsbury, Mass.; she was 99.

**In 2008** Barack Obama swept to a convincing victory in the North Carolina Democratic primary while Hillary Rodham Clinton eked out a win in Indiana.

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## Death Notices

### Coyner, Daniel

Surrounded by loved ones, Daniel Coyner, 64, went home to his Heavenly Father on April 26th, 2023 after a difficult battle with cancer.

Dan started his college journey as a football player at University of Richmond, and later transferred to Virginia Tech where he received a degree in engineering. Dan was a loyal worker at USG for 37 years until retiring in 2019.

Dan was a truly selfless dad to his two kids and husband to his wife, and he will be missed immensely by all of those lucky enough to know him.

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### Engelman, Stephen B

Stephen Engelman, age 77, passed peacefully Sunday at his home in Evanston, surrounded by his loving family and devoted caregivers. Born December 2, 1945 to Robert S. Engelman and Mary Straus Engelman, Steve grew up in Highland Park, IL with older brothers Denny (deceased), Robert Jr (Lynn Van Buren), twin brother John, and younger sister Mary [Scooter] Hathorn (Byron). Steve was an outstanding student and an avid swimmer who held the Highland Park High School freestyle relay record for 30 years. Steve attended Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. Following his graduation, he was drafted into the Army. A vocal anti-war protester, Steve was honorably discharged as a conscientious objector after serving 18 months; his experience fighting the draft inspired a lifelong fascination and deep respect for the law. Steve received his JD with honors from Chicago-Kent College of Law and opened the Legal Clinic of Engelman and Smith in a storefront on Chicago Avenue in Evanston in 1976 with dear friend Mark Smith. He retired from the firm in 2018. In 1975, Steve married Betsy Stern Engelman, the love of his life. During their 50 years together, Steve and Betsy cherished countless memories of skiing, traveling the world, and sharing laughter and good times with their wonderful group of friends. They raised four children, who love them both fiercely: Josh Engelman (Eve Teipel), Karen Storms-Rohm (John), Katie Bergart (Dave), and Jane MacLean (Dan). Steve's 8 grandchildren adored their PopPop. Steve served as Evanston Township Tax Assessor from 1984 - 1991, and Alderman of Evanston's 7th Ward from 1991 - 2003. Known for his civility, keen intelligence, and long gray ponytail, Steve was instrumental in the development of the Northwestern University/Evanston Research Park and Church Street Plaza. Burial will be held privately. A memorial celebrating Steve's life will be held at Lake Shore Country Club, 1255 Sheridan Rd, Glencoe on Saturday, May 6th from 3-6pm. Memorial donations in Steve's name can be made to the Evanston Community Foundation, 1560 Sherman Road, Suite 535, Evanston, IL 60201, www.evanstonforever.org or organizations supporting Parkinson's or cardiovascular health research. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

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### Fahlstrom, Nancy

Nancy Marolyn Fahlstrom (nee Golden), of Chicago, passed away February 16th due to complications caused by Alzheimers. Nancy was born April 3rd, 1952, in Northbrook, IL to Richard and Marian (Katz) Golden. Twin to her brother James, the two would be joined in 1955 by sister Joanne. As a teenager she was drawn to Chicago often attending jazz and blues shows. She attended Ohio University and majored in photography. Her junior year abroad in Italy began a lifetime of travel throughout Europe, Asia, and South America. Inspired by her travels and love of art, she received a master's degree in art history from Columbia University. While studying for her second master's in architecture at the University of Illinois Chicago she met her husband Robert. After graduation, Nancy and Robert had a son Eric and ran their own architecture firm. Later in life, she started a bakery specializing in pies and brownies – selling through her food cart on the Chicago Riverwalk. When Nancy wasn't baking, gardening, attending to her well-loved pets, she was relaxing with her nose in a book. Those of us who knew her will long for her creativity, intelligence, and that twinkle in her eye when she was feeling mischievous. She is survived by her husband Bob and son Eric. Donations in her memory can be made to the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

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### Hosty, Emmett

Emmett Hosty of Grant, Michigan passed away on 4/21/2023. He is survived by his daughter Michele Hosty. Brothers Michael and Shawn Hosty, sisters Kathy (Feledy) Hosty and Sheila Hosty, also many nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be at 2 PM on May 13, 2023 @ Crete United Methodist Church 1321 Main St, Crete, IL 60417. Donations for funeral expenses contact Shawn Hosty @ 708-577-9417.

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### Perlow, Michael

On May 4, 2023, the much beloved Michael Perlow died peacefully surrounded by his immediate family. He is survived by his loving family including his wife Sandra Perlow, his son Lloyd Perlow (Kate Thomas), his daughter Julie Perlow, his son-in-law Eric Greene, grandchildren, Katelyn Perlow, Andrew Perlow, Noah Greene, Jared Greene, step grandson Henry Bonzak, sister Judith Mack, and brother Mark Perlow. Michael and Sandra's young family grew up in Wilmette, Illinois where he was very much involved in the community, especially the Wilmette Little League Baseball Association.

Michael received his bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a major in business. Michael made dear, life-long friends at the University of Wisconsin many through the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin Michael went on to Northwestern University Law School, where he received his juris doctorate. Midway through law school Michael took a one-year break enlisting in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Michael began his career as a lawyer, but was soon redirected to his original passion, the stock market. He began as a stockbroker at Omni Management and within a few years had established his lifelong business Westwood Management Corporation, where he was an investment manager. He grew the practice by working hard, constantly reading, attending daily company meetings, and most importantly establishing friendships and relationships inside and outside the Chicago business community. Large wealth individuals seemed to come to Michael by word of mouth, friendships, and civic engagement in the City of Chicago. He was known as a brilliant stock picker and a man of integrity. Michael's employees at Westwood, Peter Goldman, Cindy Moody, and Donna Milas were devoted to him and Westwood as he was to them, which also made Westwood Management a successful company.

While he found great joy and passion in his work, he also had many outside lifelong pursuits. He was actively involved in numerous social justice organizations including, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the U.S. Holocaust Museum and the Illinois Holocaust Museum, along with the Jewish United Fund. Over the years he held several Board positions at the ADL. He also generously devoted time mentoring and fostering relationships with the younger members involved in these organizations.

Michael, along with his wife Sandra, who is a professional artist and art teacher, had a keen interest in cultural activities and the arts, enjoying art museums, plays, movies, and the opera. In his spare time, he was an avid reader of newspapers, enjoyed reading history, and going to live sports events, especially baseball games.

Michael was dedicated to his family and got great pleasure out of spending time with his children and grandchildren, taking many family trips together.

For many, what they will remember most profoundly about Michael was his keen interest in the lives of other people. He listened intently and remembered with great accuracy the details of people's lives. He cared about the well-being of others and showed generosity and kindness, mentoring and encouraging younger generations to pursue their interests and dreams. He will be greatly missed by many.

Service Monday, 10:30 a.m. CT at Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago. The service will be livestreamed on Michael's webpage at www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com. Interment Shalom Memorial Park, Arlington Heights. Contributions may be made to the Anti-Defamation League, www.adl.org or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group** (847) 478-1600.

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### Wolter-Vlieger, Lucille M.

Lucille M. Wolter-Vlieger (nee Boergener) age 96 of Sugarland ,Texas, formerly of Des Plaines, Illinois since 1946 passed away on April 30, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Ernest Wolter and the late Raymond Vlieger. Loving mother of Keith (Judith) Wolter and the late Linda (William) Matson. Step mother of Virginia (Timothy) Wright and the late Roger (Kathleen) Vlieger. Cherished grandmother of W. Thomas Matson Jr. and Martha (Greg) Rodriguez, Philip Wolter and Caroline (Josh) Justice. Step grandmother of Ross (Kelly) Vlieger, Jessica Wright and Kevin Wright. Great grandmother of Autumn Matson, Zachary Wolter, Dominik Rodriguez, Ryan Nicole Vlieger, Miles Vlieger and Grayson Marie Justice. Dear sister of the late Leona Schmahl. Aunt of 3. Lucille was born October 11, 1926 in Elk Grove Township, Illinois to the late Henry
and the late Alvina (nee Goebbert) Boergener. Visitation for Lucille will be taking place on Monday, May 8, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 855 Lee Street, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arlington Heights, Illinois. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org or to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes.org Funeral Care provided by **G. L. Hills Funeral Home**. For information please call (847) 699-9003 or glhills-funeralhome.com

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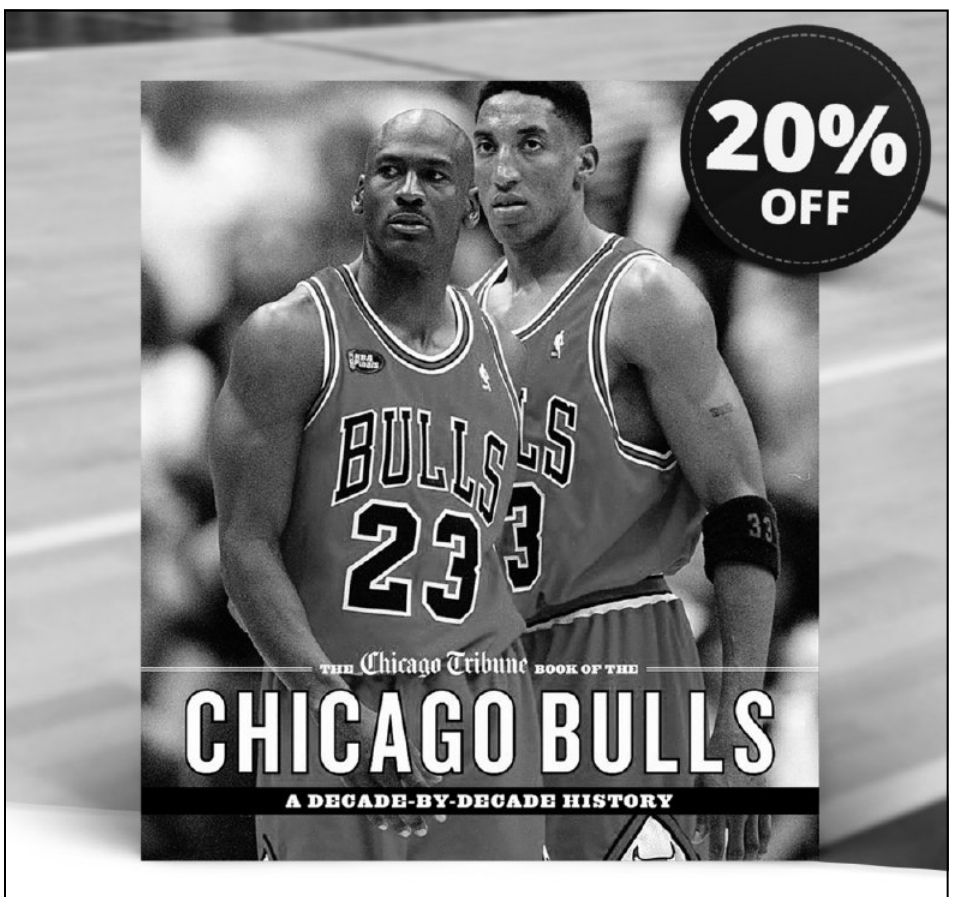


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Under the Assumed Name of: **Pleasantly Bewildered**
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**1150 Nottingham Ln**
**Elgin, IL, 60120**
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Kimberly Lloyd**
**1150 Nottingham Ln**
**Elgin, IL, 60120**
**4/22, 4/29 & 5/6/2023 7420869**

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Under the Assumed Name of: **DERIVATIVES TRADING DESK, LIMITED**
with the business located at:
**8000 CAPITOL DRIVE**
**Wheeling, IL, 60090**
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **PHILLIP MOREY GREEN**
**8000 CAPITOL DRIVE**
**Wheeling, IL, 60090**
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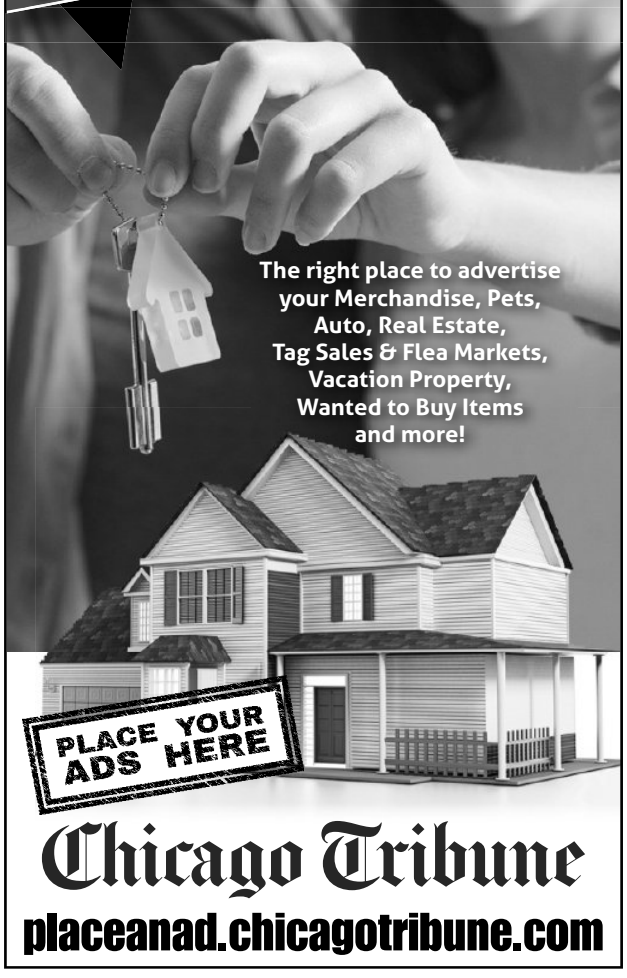
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# CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER

Meteorologists Larry Mowry, Cheryl Scott, Jaisol Martinez, Tracy Butler and Greg Dutra

**ABC7 Outlook:** A 40 percent chance of showers, mainly before 9 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 68. Southeast wind 10-15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.

| | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Day / Night | Day / Night | Day / Night | Day / Night | Day / Night | Day / Night |
| High / Low | 70 / 61 | 77 / 53 | 66 / 52 | 62 / 50 | 64 / 53 | 73 / 59 |
| | A strong afternoon thunderstorm in spots | Mostly cloudy, a stray t-storm; more humid | Not as warm with a shower and thunderstorm | Clouds and sun | Partly sunny | Mostly cloudy, pleasant and warmer |
| POP | 65% | 40% | 90% | 15% | 5% | 10% |
| Winds | SE 8-16 mph | SSW 4-8 mph | N 8-16 mph | NNE 7-14 mph | NE 7-14 mph | SE 7-14 mph |

## CHICAGO FORECAST

### Saturday Conditions

| | 8 a.m. | 10 a.m. | Noon | 2 p.m. | 4 p.m. | 6 p.m. | 8 p.m. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AccuWeather.com UV Index™ | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| RealFeel Temperature® | 52 | 55 | 60 | 67 | 68 | 64 | 64 |

### Saturday Activities

| | 8 a.m. | 10 a.m. | Noon | 2 p.m. | 4 p.m. | 6 p.m. | 8 p.m. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Golfing Index | 6 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 5 |
| Fishing Index | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 8 |

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## CHICAGO ALMANAC

### Friday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

| | |
|---|---|
| High | 78 |
| Low | 55 |
| Normal high | 67 |
| Normal low | 47 |
| Record high | 94 (1949) |
| Record low | 32 (1992) |

**Local Temperatures**

through 6 p.m. Friday

| Location | Hi | Lo | Normal Hi | Normal Lo |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aurora | 78 | 49 | 68 | 45 |
| Gary | 76 | 54 | 67 | 47 |
| Kankakee | 77 | 45 | 68 | 46 |
| Lansing | 77 | 51 | 67 | 46 |
| Midway | 79 | 56 | 67 | 48 |
| Romeoville | 78 | 51 | 69 | 46 |
| Valparaiso | 74 | 46 | 69 | 47 |
| Waukegan | 72 | 45 | 63 | 42 |

### Friday Precipitation

| | 2023 | 2022 | Normal |
|---|---|---|---|
| Friday* | 0.00" | 0.32" | 0.14" |
| Month to date | 0.08" | 1.63" | 0.73" |
| Year to date | 12.33" | 14.09" | 10.89" |

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Friday

### Pollen as of 5/4

| Trees | Grass | Weeds | Mold |
|---|---|---|---|
| Moderate | Low | Absent | Low |

**Source:** National Allergy Bureau

### Air Quality Index

Friday's reading: **Moderate**

Saturday's forecast: **Moderate**

Primary pollutant: **Particulates**

**Source:** AirNow.gov

### Sun and Moon

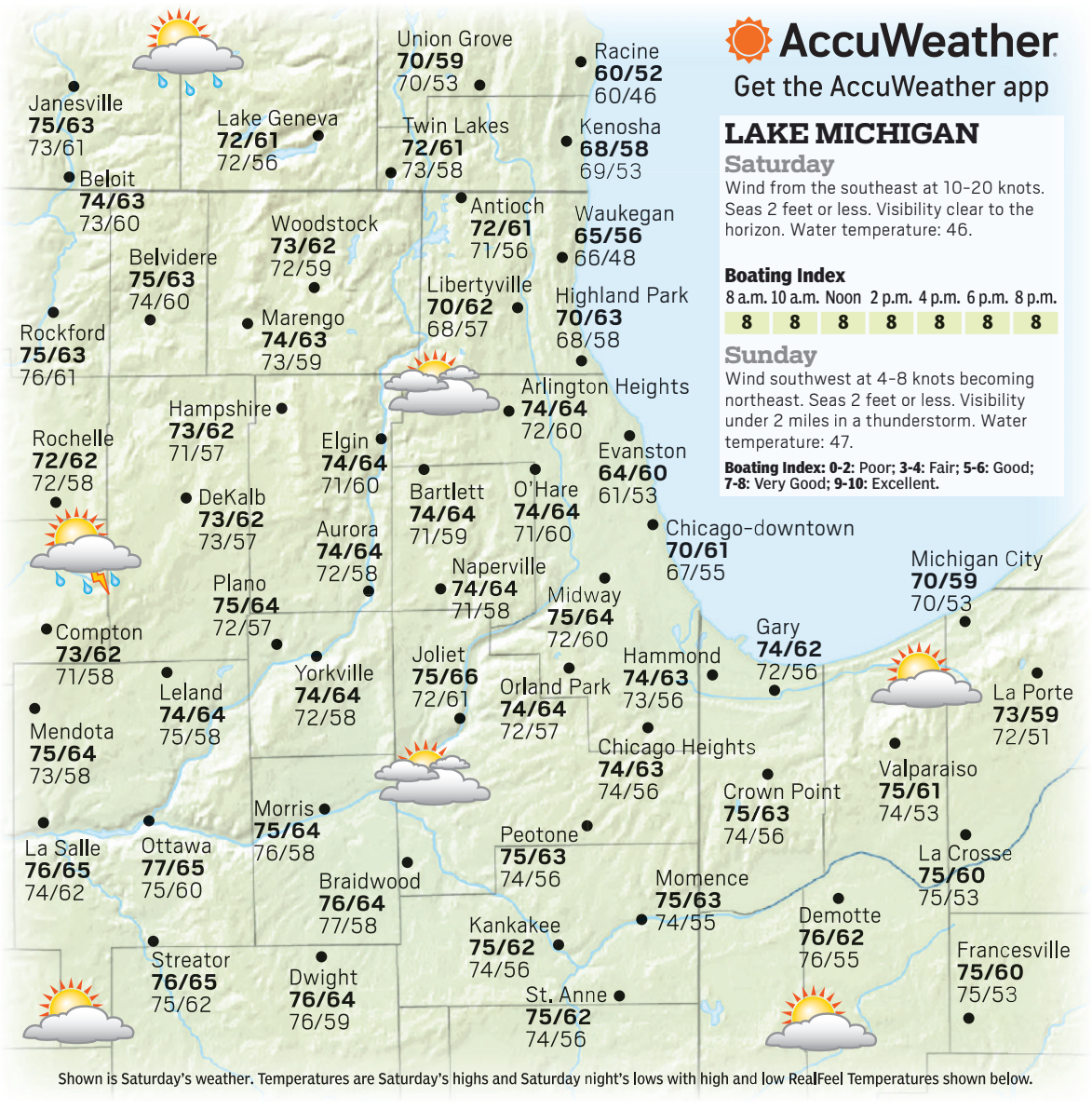
| | Sat. | Sun. |
|---|---|---|
| Sunrise | 5:41 a.m. | 5:40 a.m. |
| Sunset | 7:54 p.m. | 7:55 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 9:30 p.m. | 10:45 p.m. |
| Moonset | 6:03 a.m. | 6:40 a.m. |

| Last | New | First | Full |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 12 | May 19 | May 27 | Jun 3 |

### Saturday's Planet Watch

| | Rise | Set |
|---|---|---|
| Mercury | 5:25 a.m. | 7:12 p.m. |
| Venus | 8:01 a.m. | 11:37 p.m. |
| Mars | 9:56 a.m. | 1:04 a.m. |
| Jupiter | 4:59 a.m. | 6:16 p.m. |
| Saturn | 3:02 a.m. | 1:50 p.m. |

**Best viewing times today:** Venus: 8:25 p.m. Mars: 8:25 p.m. Jupiter: 5:30 a.m. Saturn: 5:10 a.m. Mercury: not visible




Shown is Saturday's weather. Temperatures are Saturday's highs and Saturday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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### LAKE MICHIGAN

**Saturday**

Wind from the southeast at 10-20 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility clear to the horizon. Water temperature: 46.

**Boating Index**

| 8 a.m. | 10 a.m. | Noon | 2 p.m. | 4 p.m. | 6 p.m. | 8 p.m. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |

**Sunday**

Wind southwest at 4-8 knots becoming northeast. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility under 2 miles in a thunderstorm. Water temperature: 47.

**Boating Index: 0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

## ASK abc7

Cheryl Scott

**QUESTION:** What is the average high spring temperature for Chicago?

**ANSWER:** The average high spring temperature in Chicago is around 55-65 degrees. However, temperatures can vary greatly in spring, especially along the lakefront when onshore winds are present. We've all heard the phrase "cooler by the lake." East winds have been keeping lakefront temperatures a bit lower this past week with Lake Michigan water temperatures still in the 40s.

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## NATIONAL FORECAST

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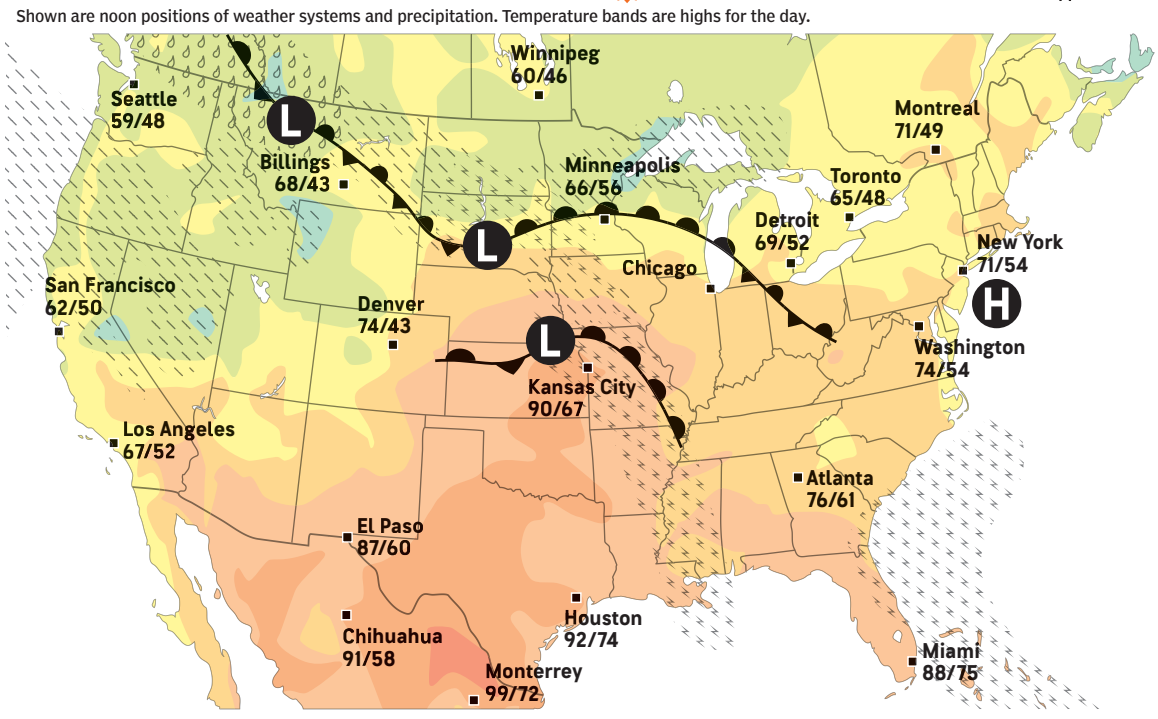
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.




## REGIONAL CITIES

| City | Sat. Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| **Illinois** | | |
| Carbondale | 77/67/c | 82/65/t |
| Champaign | 77/64/s | 85/61/t |
| Decatur | 77/66/s | 84/63/t |
| Moline | 77/63/t | 87/62/t |
| Peoria | 77/64/s | 87/62/t |
| Quincy | 80/67/t | 88/63/t |
| Rockford | 75/63/s | 85/61/t |
| Springfield | 79/67/pc | 87/63/t |
| Sterling | 75/63/pc | 87/62/t |
| **Indiana** | | |
| Bloomington | 76/65/s | 81/64/t |
| Evansville | 79/66/pc | 81/64/t |
| Fort Wayne | 75/59/pc | 77/59/t |
| Indianapolis | 75/62/s | 78/61/t |
| Lafayette | 79/65/s | 82/65/t |
| South Bend | 74/60/s | 80/61/t |
| **Wisconsin** | | |
| Green Bay | 60/53/sh | 73/49/c |
| Kenosha | 68/58/s | 82/53/t |
| La Crosse | 72/60/t | 79/58/c |
| Madison | 71/61/sh | 81/55/c |
| Milwaukee | 63/55/pc | 76/51/c |
| Wausau | 66/53/sh | 77/52/c |
| **Michigan** | | |
| Detroit | 69/52/pc | 73/56/t |
| Grand Rapids | 69/54/pc | 74/56/c |
| Marquette | 54/47/sh | 54/44/pc |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 58/47/r | 56/43/r |
| Traverse City | 71/54/pc | 66/52/pc |
| **Iowa** | | |
| Ames | 76/55/t | 84/57/t |
| Cedar Rapids | 74/57/t | 84/59/t |
| Des Moines | 80/60/t | 85/59/t |
| Dubuque | 72/60/t | 85/57/t |

## NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Sat. Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Abilene | 92/66/pc | 88/65/t |
| Albany, NY | 71/45/pc | 71/51/s |
| Albuquerque | 77/50/pc | 78/52/c |
| Amarillo | 88/53/s | 89/53/s |
| Anchorage | 48/34/c | 47/34/c |
| Asheville | 69/50/c | 74/56/t |
| Aspen | 54/36/sh | 55/31/c |
| Atlanta | 76/61/pc | 82/62/t |
| Atlantic City | 65/52/pc | 66/55/s |
| Austin | 91/72/t | 87/70/c |
| Baltimore | 74/51/pc | 74/62/pc |
| Billings | 68/43/c | 60/41/sh |
| Birmingham | 82/63/c | 85/67/t |
| Bismarck | 56/46/r | 59/39/r |
| Boise | 62/42/pc | 58/43/c |
| Boston | 73/55/pc | 74/55/s |
| Brownsville | 91/77/pc | 92/77/pc |
| Buffalo | 68/48/pc | 68/51/c |
| Burlington, VT | 71/47/pc | 71/50/pc |
| Charleston, SC | 75/59/pc | 82/65/pc |
| Charleston, WV | 80/55/pc | 74/60/t |
| Charlotte | 78/56/pc | 81/63/sh |
| Chattanooga | 78/60/c | 83/63/t |
| Cheyenne | 65/42/sh | 62/38/sh |
| Cincinnati | 77/61/pc | 76/63/t |
| Cleveland | 70/55/s | 72/56/c |
| Colorado Spgs | 72/45/c | 71/45/pc |
| Columbia, MO | 87/68/t | 90/65/t |
| Columbia, SC | 76/57/pc | 84/63/sh |
| Columbus, OH | 77/57/pc | 74/59/t |
| Concord | 73/44/pc | 70/49/s |
| Corpus Christi | 88/75/pc | 87/75/c |
| Dallas | 88/66/t | 88/70/t |
| Daytona Beach | 79/68/t | 79/63/pc |
| Denver | 74/43/pc | 73/42/pc |
| Duluth | 45/43/r | 52/42/r |
| El Paso | 87/60/s | 87/61/s |
| Fairbanks | 50/30/pc | 53/32/pc |
| Fargo | 58/49/sh | 60/43/r |
| Flagstaff | 59/35/s | 63/33/s |
| Fort Myers | 91/70/t | 88/69/pc |
| Fort Smith | 89/66/pc | 86/66/t |
| Fresno | 70/50/c | 73/51/pc |
| Grand Junction | 68/52/c | 68/45/c |
| Great Falls | 55/37/sh | 61/39/c |
| Harrisburg | 73/49/s | 76/60/pc |
| Hartford | 74/46/pc | 74/54/s |
| Helena, MT | 59/41/r | 61/41/sh |
| Honolulu | 84/74/sh | 86/75/sh |
| Houston | 92/74/t | 85/75/c |
| Int'l Falls | 57/44/c | 57/45/r |
| Jackson, MS | 80/67/t | 85/69/t |
| Jacksonville | 78/63/pc | 82/62/pc |
| Juneau | 58/40/c | 55/43/c |
| Kansas City | 90/67/pc | 88/66/t |
| Las Vegas | 74/56/c | 79/61/s |
| Lexington | 76/61/pc | 75/61/t |
| Lincoln | 85/56/c | 86/59/t |
| Little Rock | 82/67/pc | 84/64/t |
| Los Angeles | 67/52/pc | 68/54/s |
| Louisville | 77/66/pc | 81/66/t |
| Macon | 79/59/c | 85/61/c |
| Memphis | 79/67/c | 82/68/t |
| Miami | 88/75/pc | 84/74/t |
| Minneapolis | 66/56/r | 76/54/c |
| Mobile | 79/65/t | 83/68/t |
| Montgomery | 85/65/t | 87/65/t |
| Nashville | 79/65/c | 85/65/t |
| New Orleans | 81/72/t | 86/74/t |
| New York City | 71/54/pc | 72/57/s |
| Norfolk | 69/55/c | 82/66/pc |
| Oklahoma City | 89/66/s | 86/61/t |
| Omaha | 83/59/pc | 87/58/t |
| Orlando | 83/68/t | 85/64/t |
| Palm Beach | 86/74/sh | 83/72/t |
| Palm Springs | 81/58/s | 84/61/s |
| Philadelphia | 72/51/pc | 77/56/s |
| Phoenix | 86/64/s | 87/64/s |
| Pittsburgh | 73/52/s | 70/59/t |
| Portland, ME | 74/50/pc | 72/49/pc |
| Portland, OR | 63/48/sh | 63/47/c |
| Providence | 73/50/pc | 74/53/s |
| Raleigh | 79/54/pc | 82/65/c |
| Rapid City | 67/39/sh | 64/40/pc |
| Reno | 54/35/sh | 62/43/c |
| Richmond | 77/51/c | 81/61/t |
| Rochester | 66/42/s | 67/49/s |
| Sacramento | 67/44/sh | 70/47/pc |
| St. Louis | 83/70/t | 89/67/t |
| Salem, OR | 61/46/sh | 64/46/c |
| Salt Lake City | 60/43/c | 62/44/sh |
| San Antonio | 90/71/t | 88/71/t |
| San Diego | 67/56/pc | 67/58/pc |
| San Francisco | 62/50/pc | 62/52/pc |
| San Juan | 92/74/s | 91/73/s |
| Santa Fe | 73/43/s | 73/42/pc |
| Savannah | 75/62/pc | 80/65/t |
| Seattle | 59/48/r | 62/47/c |
| Shreveport | 87/69/c | 85/70/t |
| Sioux Falls | 72/52/r | 76/52/t |
| Spokane | 55/43/r | 61/45/c |
| Syracuse | 67/45/pc | 70/50/s |
| Tallahassee | 86/66/t | 86/63/pc |
| Tampa | 89/71/pc | 90/70/pc |
| Topeka | 93/64/pc | 93/65/t |
| Tucson | 87/58/s | 88/60/s |
| Tulsa | 91/68/s | 87/67/pc |
| Washington, DC | 74/54/pc | 75/61/pc |
| Wichita | 90/63/pc | 91/62/pc |
| Wilkes-Barre | 72/44/s | 75/55/pc |
| Yuma | 84/60/s | 86/62/s |

## WORLD CITIES

| City | Sat. Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Acapulco | 91/75/pc | 92/77/s |
| Algiers | 79/62/c | 77/62/sh |
| Amsterdam | 66/54/pc | 63/50/r |
| Ankara | 74/49/t | 63/44/c |
| Athens | 74/58/pc | 76/56/pc |
| Auckland | 69/63/pc | 69/62/c |
| Baghdad | 99/73/s | 96/68/pc |
| Bangkok | 103/85/pc | 103/85/s |
| Barbados | 88/79/pc | 89/78/pc |
| Barcelona | 72/61/pc | 70/61/pc |
| Beijing | 75/48/pc | 80/47/c |
| Beirut | 74/62/sh | 72/61/sh |
| Berlin | 55/47/pc | 61/44/c |
| Bermuda | 69/61/sh | 69/62/pc |
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| Brussels | 66/53/pc | 65/50/r |
| Bucharest | 73/49/pc | 71/50/pc |
| Budapest | 74/53/pc | 75/49/t |
| Bueno Aires | 66/60/c | 68/55/c |
| Cairo | 83/63/s | 80/62/pc |
| Cancun | 89/78/pc | 90/77/t |
| Caracas | 88/74/pc | 89/74/c |
| Casablanca | 76/61/s | 76/55/pc |
| Copenhagen | 52/39/pc | 58/43/pc |
| Dublin | 61/48/sh | 64/53/sh |
| Edmonton | 65/44/pc | 59/42/r |
| Frankfurt | 70/51/pc | 73/54/r |
| Geneva | 77/55/t | 66/52/sh |
| Guadalajara | 95/59/s | 94/58/c |
| Havana | 91/72/s | 90/71/t |
| Helsinki | 49/28/s | 54/31/c |
| Hong Kong | 87/78/t | 84/72/r |
| Istanbul | 63/55/sh | 65/51/pc |
| Jerusalem | 72/55/s | 69/54/pc |
| Johannesburg | 74/55/s | 71/51/pc |
| Kabul | 69/48/t | 69/44/c |
| Kingston | 90/79/t | 89/78/sh |
| Rome | 73/53/pc | 73/57/pc |
| Santiago | 63/41/pc | 71/40/s |
| Seoul | 65/48/pc | 69/45/pc |
| Singapore | 89/79/t | 90/80/pc |
| Sofia | 65/45/pc | 72/47/pc |
| Stockholm | 49/27/s | 54/31/s |
| Sydney | 73/53/s | 60/49/sh |
| Taipei | 90/74/c | 85/65/r |
| Tehran | 82/65/s | 87/71/s |
| Tokyo | 77/68/c | 71/51/r |
| Toronto | 65/48/pc | 61/50/c |
| Trinidad | 88/78/c | 88/78/s |
| Vancouver | 56/45/r | 59/47/r |
| Vienna | 67/51/t | 70/45/c |
| Warsaw | 53/41/r | 55/36/s |
| Winnipeg | 60/46/c | 52/45/r |

**Weather(W):** **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP:** Probability of Precipitation.

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# Job market still humming as US adds 253K positions

## 3.4% unemployment rate in April matches 54-year low despite economic crises

**By Paul Wiseman**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America's employers added a healthy 253,000 jobs in April, evidence of a labor market that still shows surprising resilience despite rising interest rates, chronically high inflation and a banking crisis that could weaken the economy.

The unemployment rate dipped to 3.4%, matching a 54-year low, the Labor Department said Friday. The jobless rate fell in part because 43,000 people left the labor force, the first drop since November, and were no longer counted as unemployed.

In its report Friday, the government noted that while hiring was solid in April, it was much weaker in February and March than it had previously estimated. Job gains for those months was downgraded by a combined 149,000. And hourly wages rose last month at the fastest pace since July, which may alarm the inflation fighters at the Federal Reserve.

April's hiring gain compares with 165,000 in March and 248,000 in February and is still at a level considered vigorous by historical standards. The job market has remained durable despite the Fed's aggressive campaign of interest rate hikes over the past year to fight inflation. Layoffs are still relatively low, job openings comparatively high.

Job growth was particularly strong last month among health care companies, restaurants and bars and a broad category that includes managers, administrators and technical support workers.

In one sign of the benefits of a consistently tight job market, Black unemployment dipped in April to 4.7% — the lowest such level in government records dating to 1972.

Looked at broadly, the nation's job market appears to be easing into a more moderate phase, roughly akin to the pace of hiring that preceded the pandemic recession of 2020. Job gains for February through April marked the weakest three-month average since January 2021, yet still slightly exceeded the pre-pandemic pace.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell sounded somewhat mystified this week by the job market's durability. He and other Fed officials have expressed concern that a robust job market exerts upward pressure on wages and prices. They hope to achieve a so-called soft landing — cooling the economy and the labor market just enough to tame inflation, yet not so much as to trigger a recession.

Last month, the proportion of Americans who either have a job or are looking for one — the so-called labor force participation rate — was unchanged at 62.6%. The Fed would like to see labor participation grow: More people in the job market would likely put downward pressure on pay growth and help contain inflation.

Several big technology companies, including Google and Amazon, have announced layoffs this year. Such job cuts, though, haven't been widespread enough across the economy to boost the U.S. jobless rate or the number of people applying for unemployment benefits. One reason is that many tech workers who were laid off have quickly landed new jobs.

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Striking writers walk the picket line in front of Netflix offices Wednesday in Los Angeles, a day after launching their strike. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

# What striking writers want

## Since previous labor dispute 15 years ago, streaming has flourished — but pay hasn't

Associated Press

The 11,500 members of the Writers Guild of America went on strike Tuesday after negotiations with Hollywood studios that began in March failed to result in an agreement. The guild has billed the issues behind the labor dispute as "an existential crisis." Writers say they're facing a host of new issues brought on by streaming and other recent technological shifts in the industry.

Here's a look at the demands behind the first Hollywood strike in 15 years, as the industry braces for a long hiatus:

**Increased pay:** The guild is seeking higher compensation for writers across the board. Though there are more jobs available to WGA members than ever before because of the proliferation of streaming services, pay for most writers is down. Ten years ago, 33% of TV writers were paid the minimum rate. Now, according to the WGA, 49% are. Accounting for inflation, writer pay has declined 14% in the last five years. The median weekly writer-producer pay is down 23% over the last decade, with inflation factored in. Writers say many of their members aren't even making a living wage. They are also seeking increases for their pension plan and health fund.

**Better residuals:** For more than half a century, residuals have been a foundational way for writers to make money. But streaming has upended those payouts. Writers used to be handsomely compensated when their work went into syndication or was sold for overseas territories. Reruns meant a big payday. But now, series and films often simply land on a streaming service and stay there. Streaming services also generally don't share viewership data with filmmakers and writers, meaning writers don't know how valuable their work has been. To replace back-end residuals, the WGA is seeking more upfront fees.

**Staffing requirements:** The union wants TV shows to staff a certain number of writers for a period of time. At issue is the rising practice of "mini rooms" where only a handful of writers are working on a series. Such writer rooms are often employed during development, before a show is greenlighted. That means writers might work on a series that doesn't get picked up until a year after they worked on it, or not at all. The process has circumvented some protections WGA members have from being overworked and understaffed.

**Shorter exclusivity deals:** Many of the rules applied to TV writing are still based on an increasingly outdated model. Writers might have once expected to spend almost a year working on a 22- to 25-episode season of broadcast TV. Now, the average season is much shorter. Popular shows like "Bridgerton" might have only eight episodes. Not only does that diminish writers' per-episode pay, it can limit them from working on other programs if they're tied to longer terms of exclusivity.

**Assurance on AI:** Writers are also increasingly concerned that producers will use artificial intelligence to write scripts or at least fill in the blanks on unfinished screenplays. The fast-advancing technology has potentially widespread ramifications for Hollywood, and, in some cases, may be a useful tool. But the WGA wants production companies to agree to safeguards concerning its usage.

# Publisher Simon & Schuster again for sale

**By Hillel Italie**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Simon & Schuster is again up for sale. Months after a federal judge halted Penguin Random House's plan to purchase its longtime rival, Simon & Schuster's CEO and parent company, Paramount Global, have confirmed that the publisher is back on the market, with a sale possible by the end of the year.

"I can now report that, as expected, Paramount has resumed the process of selling Simon & Schuster," Simon & Schuster CEO Jonathan Karp wrote in a staff memo shared Thursday with The Associated Press. Karp noted in the letter that Simon & Schuster is enjoying a strong 2023 so far, with double-digit domestic revenue growth over the first three months compared with the same time period last year.

Paramount has said that Simon & Schuster does not fit "strategically" because it's not video-based. During an earnings report call Thursday morning, Paramount CFO Naveen Chopra noted that the company was committed to "divesting noncore assets."

Simon & Schuster, founded nearly a century ago, publishes such bestselling fiction authors as Colleen Hoover, Stephen King, Jennifer Egan and Don DeLillo. It also has a long history of releasing political books, including Hillary Clinton's memoir "Living History" and Bob Woodward's book on Donald Trump, "Fear."

Penguin Random House, already the country's largest trade publisher, offered $2.2 billion in 2020 for Simon & Schuster, a deal that would have created a dominant force in the book market. But the U.S. Justice Department sued, alleging the sale would reduce the number of books published and damage competition, and U.S. District Judge Florence Pan ruled in the government's favor after a trial last summer.

Hachette Book Group and HarperCollins Publishing have each expressed interest in buying Simon & Schuster.

Paramount is otherwise expected to favor a private equity firm, which would not face similar government objections over anti-trust law.

# TurboTax customers to get funds in the mail

**By Wyatte Grantham-Philips**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions of Americans who qualified for free tax services — but were instead deceived into paying TurboTax for their returns — will soon get settlement checks in the mail.

In a settlement last year, TurboTax's owner Intuit Inc. was ordered to pay $141 million to some 4.4 million people across the country.

Those affected were low-income consumers eligible for free, federally-supported tax services — but paid TurboTax to file their federal returns across the 2016, 2017 and 2018 tax years due to "predatory and deceptive marketing," New York Attorney General Letitia James said.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia signed the May 2022 settlement, which was led by James.

Consumers eligible for restitution payments do not need to file a claim, the New York Attorney's General Office said. They will be notified by an email from Rust Consulting, the settlement fund administrator, and receive a check automatically.

Checks will be mailed starting next week, and continue through the month of May. The amount paid to each eligible consumer ranges from $29 to $85 — depending on the number of tax years they qualify for.

A 2019 ProPublica report found Intuit Inc. was using deceptive tactics to steer low-income tax filers away from the free, federal services they qualified for — and toward its own commercial products instead.

Under the terms of last year's settlement, Intuit Inc. agreed to suspend TurboTax's "free, free, free" ad campaign.

Intuit executives were aware of the impact of advertising free services that were actually not free for everyone, according to documents obtained by ProPublica.

**BUSINESS BRIEFING**

# Ex-Uber exec gets probation

SAN FRANCISCO — The former chief security officer for Uber was sentenced to probation Thursday for trying to cover up a 2016 data breach in which hackers accessed tens of millions of customer records from the ride-hailing service.

Joseph Sullivan was sentenced to a three-year term of probation and ordered to pay a fine of $50,000, the U.S. attorney's office announced.

Sullivan, 54, of Palo Alto, was convicted by a federal jury in San Francisco last October of obstructing justice and concealing knowledge that a federal felony had been committed.

It was believed to be the first criminal prosecution of a company executive over a data breach.

# Ford recalling 231,942 vehicles

Ford Motor Co. is recalling certain 2004 to 2006 Ranger vehicles because replacement front passenger air bag inflators may have been installed incorrectly.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in a letter that the recall includes 231,942 vehicles.

The vehicles had received replacement front passenger air bag inflators under a previous recall.

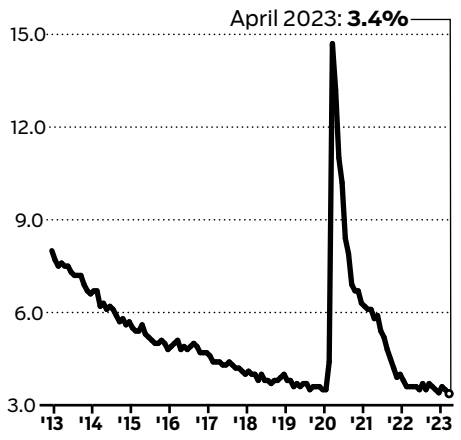
The NHTSA said that an incorrectly installed inflator may not properly inflate the passenger air bag, increasing the risk of injury during a crash.

Dealers will inspect and reinstall the front passenger air bag inflator, if needed, for free.

Notification letters are expected to be mailed to owners of the vehicles May 22.

## Jobless rate

*Percent of civilian labor force that is unemployed, by month, seasonally adjusted*




SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics TNS

Employees at REI march to the store March 31 to announce their intention to file for a union election in Chicago. **SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

# Employees at REI's lone Chicago location vote yes to unionization

**By Talia Soglin**
Chicago Tribune

Workers at REI's only Chicago location voted to unionize with the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union in an election held by the National Labor Relations Board on Thursday.

Employees of the outdoor goods retailer's Chicago location said yes to the union in a vote of 41-8, with five ballots challenged, according to RWDSU spokesperson Chelsea Connor. The store's staff include employees who sell outdoor gear and apparel, handle inventory and repair gear, including bikes and skis.

The 905 W. Eastman St. store is the fourth unionized REI in the country. Since the spring of 2022 REI staff have voted to unionize at stores in Manhattan, Berkeley, California, and Ohio.

In a statement REI worker and organizing committee member Sarah Diefenbach said the vote was a "win for the people who REI has unfairly fired, denied transfers and promotions to, denied the opportunity to flourish in the proper department to and so many other grievances.

"We the workers of REI Chicago in the neighborhood of Lincoln Park all deserve to be paid a living wage with consistent predictable hours for the expert advice we provide to the community and have a say in the day to day running of our store."

REI said in a statement that it "believes in the right of every eligible employee to vote for or against union representation."

"We fully supported our Lincoln Park employees through the vote process and we will continue to support our employees going forward as they begin to navigate the collective bargaining process," the company said.

In March REI staff asked company management to voluntarily recognize their union, which REI declined to do. The workers then filed for a union election with the National Labor Relations Board.

Since the Chicago filing staff at REI locations in Boston; Durham, North Carolina; Bellingham, Washington; and Eugene, Oregon, have also filed for elections with the NLRB, seeking representation with the United Food and Commercial Workers.

RWDSU represents employees at the New York and Ohio stores, while workers at the Berkeley location are represented by the UFCW.

The unionized stores make up a small fraction of the company's approximately 180 locations across the country but represent momentum within the labor movement to organize employees of retail giants such as Starbucks and Amazon.

In March some staff members at the Chicago store said they were seeking a union in part because they previously tried to raise concerns about their working conditions to store management to no avail.

Staff said they were particularly concerned by reduced hours for shop employees, which they said caused economic hardship for workers and left the store understaffed.

REI employees also said they hoped to hold the company accountable to its progressive image. The consumer co-op has long emphasized its commitment to the environment and sustainability.

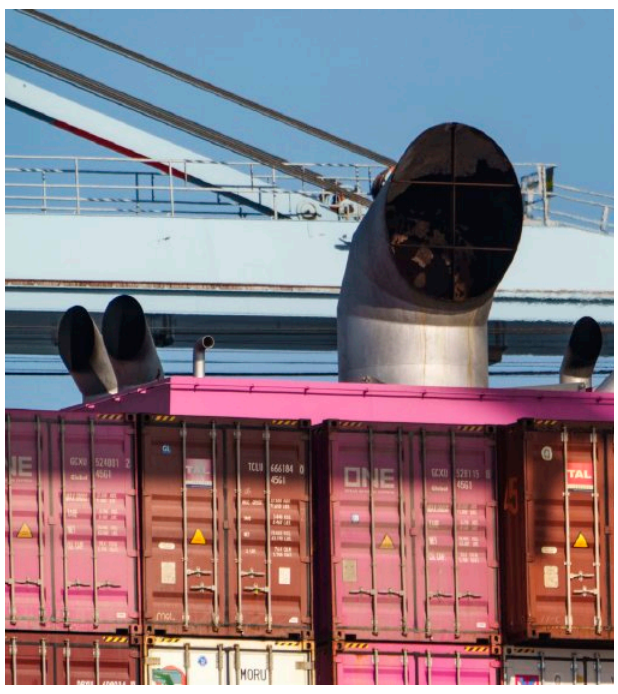
During union campaigns at other stores RWDSU has accused REI of making "every effort to union bust coast-to-coast." RWDSU and UFCW have filed unfair labor practice charges against REI regarding union campaigns in other states; those charges remain under investigation by the NLRB.

No charges have been filed regarding the Chicago union campaign, Connor said.

No union campaigns have been announced at REI's other Chicago-area locations, which are in Northbrook, Oakbrook Terrace, Vernon Hills and Orland Park.

# Weigh climate commitment, shipping lobby tells members

**By Ed Davey**
Associated Press



The International Maritime Organization reports that shipping currently accounts for almost 3% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. **DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP**

An influential shipping industry group has quietly warned shippers to think carefully before they sign up for a new plan to reduce pollution and eventually eliminate their contribution to climate change.

The International Chamber of Shipping represents four-fifths of the world's commercial fleet, and in 2021 committed to the Paris Agreement's target to reduce greenhouse gases down to zero by 2050. "Talk is cheap, action is difficult," chairman Esben Poulsson said at the time.

But a confidential document obtained by The Associated Press shows the International Chamber of Shipping advised its national branches in March that member companies should "give careful consideration to the possible implications" before committing to a new plan to reduce maritime emissions.

Under the plan, shipping companies will declare all their vessels with their emissions, inputting them into a new software tool. That includes pollution starting from the oil well all the way to the engines, said Jean-Marc Bonello, a naval architect at UMAS, a for-profit maritime consultancy launched by experts from University College London, who helped design the tool. Shippers will then have to improve efficiency or use cleaner fuel to reduce their emissions 60% by 2036.

Shipping accounts for almost 3% of greenhouse gas emissions, according to the International Maritime Organization. A European Parliament report has warned that share could increase dramatically by 2050.

The Science Based Targets initiative has drawn up plans tailored to numerous industries including chemicals, oil and gas and aviation. It's a partnership between several nonprofits and the United Nations Global Compact, an initiative launched by the U.N. Secretary General. The maritime SBTi, published last fall, says the shipping industry must cut its emissions 45% by 2030 to keep on track with Paris goals, which try to limit total temperature rises to 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

Stuart Neil, director of communications for the International Chamber of Shipping, said in a phone interview the group acted after some of its member companies asked how the system would affect their businesses. It wasn't a case of warning the shipping companies off, he said, pointing to another line in the memo that says the targets are an important initiative.

The group was simply concerned about shipping companies signing on without proper analysis. "It has to be properly thought through," he said.

One objection of the industry lobby group is that the target would force shippers to count their indirect emissions, including those produced while making marine fuels, and doesn't take into account that more energy gets used navigating in bad weather.

Responding to the claim the group was reluctant to act, Neil said it had put forward various decarbonization proposals of its own. It has suggested a $5 billion research and development fund to accelerate decarbonization, and calling on the International Maritime Organization to up its net-zero-by-2050 ambitions.

But some marine climate advocates are incensed.

John Maggs, shipping policy director at Seas At Risk and president of the Clean Shipping Coalition, said by email that the SBTi plan was the "absolute minimum" to keep warming below 1.5 degrees.

"Without immediate action and deep cuts before 2030, the task becomes almost impossible without significant industry disruption," Maggs said.

The group has "always been the least ambitious, lowest common denominator ship industry actor," Maggs said, "and the thought that they might actually have to do something significant soon horrifies them."

## MARKET ROUNDUP

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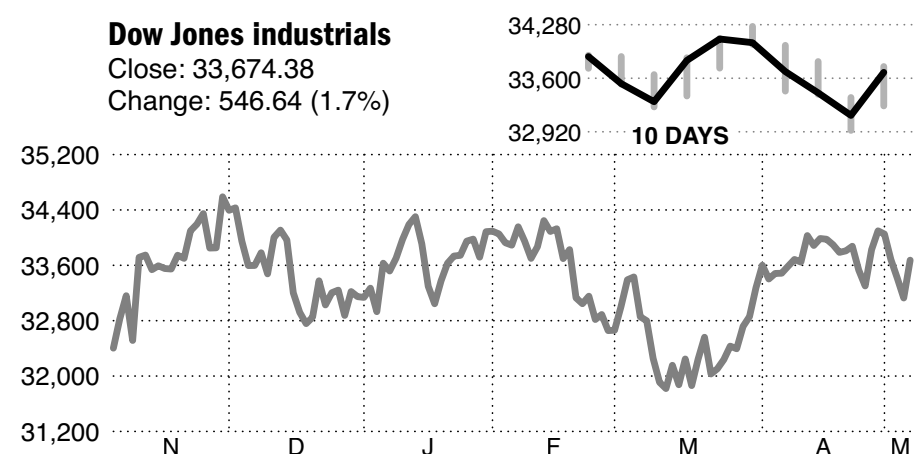



| Nasdaq | S&P 500 | Russell 2000 |
|---|---|---|
| +269.01 (+2.25%) | +75.03 (+1.85%) | +41.07 (+2.39%) |
| Close 12,235.41 | Close 4,136.25 | Close 1,759.88 |
| High 12,264.83 | High 4,147.02 | High 1,763.78 |
| Low 12,065.72 | Low 4,084.73 | Low 1,742.52 |
| Previous 11,966.40 | Previous 4,061.22 | Previous 1,718.81 |

| 10-yr T-note | Gold futures | Yen | Euro | Crude Oil |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| +.06 to 3.44% | -30.60 to $2,017.40 | +.67 to 134.81/$1 | -.0008 to .9070/$1 | +2.78 to $71.34 |

## Major market growth and decline

| 5-day % change | | | 30-day % change | | | 1-year % change | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DOW | NASD | S&P | DOW | NASD | S&P | DOW | NASD | S&P |
| -1.24 | +.07 | -.80 | +.56 | +1.22 | +.76 | +2.36 | +.75 | +.31 |

### FUTURES

| COMMODITY | AMOUNT-PRICE | MO. | OPEN | HIGH | LOW | SETTLE | CHG. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHEAT (CBOT) | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | May 23 | | | | 647 | +15.50 |
| | | Jul 23 | 646 | 663.50 | 643.75 | 660.25 | +15.25 |
| CORN (CBOT) | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | May 23 | 644 | 656.25 | 644 | 653.25 | +6.75 |
| | | Jul 23 | 588.75 | 599.25 | 588.50 | 596.50 | +7.50 |
| SOYBEANS (CBOT) | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | May 23 | 1452 | 1470 | 1452 | 1469 | +20.50 |
| | | Jul 23 | 1417 | 1438.75 | 1416 | 1436.50 | +18.75 |
| SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT) | 60,000 lbs- cents per lb | May 23 | | | | 54.09 | +1.82 |
| | | Jul 23 | 52.48 | 54.57 | 52.37 | 54.33 | +1.85 |
| SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT) | 100 tons- dollars per ton | May 23 | 428.00 | 429.80 | 427.90 | 428.90 | +1.60 |
| | | Jul 23 | 424.60 | 428.00 | 423.80 | 426.10 | +1.50 |
| LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX) | 1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl. | Jun 23 | 68.70 | 71.81 | 68.48 | 71.34 | +2.78 |
| | | Jul 23 | 68.63 | 71.72 | 68.46 | 71.27 | +2.76 |
| NATURAL GAS (NYMX) | 10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu | Jun 23 | 2.086 | 2.167 | 2.031 | 2.137 | +.036 |
| | | Jul 23 | 2.281 | 2.349 | 2.233 | 2.321 | +.024 |
| NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX) | 42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon | Jun 23 | 2.3255 | 2.4000 | 2.3208 | 2.3790 | +.0531 |
| | | Jul 23 | 2.2891 | 2.3645 | 2.2848 | 2.3450 | +.0552 |

Source: The Associated Press

### LOCAL STOCKS

*Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.* *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

| STOCK | XCHG. | CLOSE | CHG. | STOCK | XCHG. | CLOSE | CHG. | STOCK | XCHG. | CLOSE | CHG. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbott Labs | N | 111.26 | +.40 | Equity Lifesty Prop | N | 69.18 | +1.21 | Mondelez Intl | O | 77.56 | +.27 |
| AbbVie Inc | N | 148.03 | +.67 | Equity Residential | N | 63.38 | +.90 | Morningstar Inc | O | 186.21 | +1.85 |
| Allstate Corp | N | 115.73 | +1.71 | Exelon Corp | O | 42.85 | +.29 | Motorola Solutions | N | 281.56 | -8.85 |
| Aptargroup Inc | N | 121.70 | +2.90 | Federal Signal | N | 52.74 | +.93 | NiSource Inc | N | 28.54 | +.17 |
| Arch Dan Mid | N | 75.96 | +1.74 | First Indl RT | N | 54.36 | +.91 | Nthn Trust Cp | O | 73.03 | +1.43 |
| Baxter Intl | N | 46.05 | +.76 | Fortune Brands Innov | N | 63.85 | +1.45 | Old Republic | N | 25.47 | +.52 |
| Boeing Co | N | 198.34 | +1.29 | GATX | N | 114.00 | +2.91 | Packaging Corp Am | N | 135.37 | +2.32 |
| Brunswick Corp | N | 82.67 | +2.33 | Gallagher AJ | N | 213.82 | +2.99 | Paylocity Hldg | O | 173.32 | -10.35 |
| CBOE Global Markets | N | 136.58 | -.49 | Grainger WW | N | 675.51 | +9.87 | RLI Corp | N | 137.30 | +.71 |
| CCC Intellig Solut | O | 8.93 | -.42 | Hyatt Hotels Corp | N | 116.30 | +.15 | Ryan Specialty Group | N | 42.15 | +1.68 |
| CDW Corp | O | 165.99 | +2.13 | IDEX Corp | N | 210.93 | +3.44 | Stericycle Inc | O | 44.37 | +.72 |
| CF Industries | N | 69.64 | -.43 | ITW | N | 230.31 | +3.12 | TransUnion | N | 64.69 | +1.14 |
| CME Group | O | 185.13 | +1.20 | Ingredion Inc | N | 108.40 | -.11 | TreeHouse Foods | N | 54.26 | +.53 |
| CNA Financial | N | 39.93 | +.28 | John Bean Technol | N | 105.66 | +2.30 | US Foods Holding | N | 38.59 | +1.13 |
| Caterpillar Inc | N | 215.09 | +4.71 | Jones Lang LaSalle | N | 135.52 | +2.02 | Ulta Salon Cosmetics | O | 520.05 | +6.05 |
| ConAgra Brands Inc | N | 37.82 | +.20 | Kraft Heinz Co | O | 41.32 | +.48 | United Airlines Hldg | O | 44.81 | +1.89 |
| Deere Co | N | 381.09 | +7.50 | LKQ Corporation | O | 57.07 | +.87 | Ventas Inc | N | 47.85 | +.08 |
| Discover Fin Svcs | N | 95.96 | +3.52 | Littelfuse Inc | O | 263.13 | +2.95 | Walgreen Boots Alli | O | 32.17 | +.62 |
| Dover Corp | N | 144.51 | +2.56 | McDonalds Corp | N | 296.60 | +1.44 | Wintrust Financial | O | 65.46 | +3.99 |
| Envestnet Inc | N | 55.74 | -5.12 | Middleby Corp | O | 146.09 | +3.14 | Zebra Tech | O | 273.80 | +8.80 |

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

| STOCK | CLOSE | CHG. |
|---|---|---|
| Carvana Co A | 8.96 | +1.76 |
| Ford Motor | 11.99 | +.43 |
| fuboTV Inc | 1.47 | +.35 |
| Carnival Corp | 10.01 | +.62 |
| Bank of America | 27.71 | +.72 |
| Banco Bradesco ADS | 3.01 | +.19 |
| Palantir Technol | 7.41 | +.03 |
| Fst Horizon Natl | 10.94 | +.88 |
| Shopify Inc | 62.03 | +4.73 |
| Western Alliance Bcp | 27.16 | +8.96 |
| Itau Unibanco Hldg | 5.22 | +.27 |
| Keycorp | 9.83 | +.90 |
| Snap Inc A | 8.23 | +.32 |
| Nu Holdings Ltd | 5.46 | +.22 |
| AMC Entertainment A | 5.89 | -.03 |
| US Bancorp | 30.74 | +1.76 |
| Wells Fargo & Co | 37.94 | +1.22 |
| Square Inc | 59.25 | -1.18 |
| Uber Technologies | 37.75 | +.26 |
| Truist Financial Cp | 28.69 | +2.48 |
| AT&T Inc | 17.13 | +.22 |
| Vale SA | 13.90 | +.54 |
| Schwab Corp | 49.24 | +1.87 |
| Petrobras | 10.82 | +.55 |

**NASDAQ STOCK MARKET**

| STOCK | CLOSE | CHG. |
|---|---|---|
| PacWest Bancorp | 5.76 | +2.59 |
| Apple Inc | 173.57 | +7.78 |
| Faraday Fut Intllgnt | .24 | +.01 |
| Tesla Inc | 170.06 | +8.86 |
| Lyft Inc | 8.63 | -2.06 |
| Adv Micro Dev | 89.84 | +3.23 |
| Ideanomics Inc | .04 | +.00 |
| Exela Technologies | .03 | +.00 |
| Amazon.com Inc | 105.66 | +1.66 |
| Paramount Global B | 16.86 | +.46 |
| Warner Bros Disc A | 12.89 | +.56 |
| SoFi Technologies | 5.16 | +.26 |
| Nanobiotix S.A | 6.68 | +4.65 |
| Opendoor Technol | 1.79 | +.44 |
| Marathon Digital Hld | 10.49 | +.22 |
| Nvidia Corporation | 286.80 | +11.18 |
| Intel Corp | 30.99 | -.25 |
| Nikola Corp | .98 | +.07 |
| WeTrade Group Inc | .06 | -.01 |
| Aptinyx Inc | .08 | -.04 |
| Riot Blockchain Inc | 11.54 | +.70 |
| Huntgtn Bancshs | 9.85 | +.41 |
| Microsoft Corp | 310.65 | +5.24 |
| Minim Inc | 4.59 | +1.74 |

### FOREIGN MARKETS

| INDEX | CLOSE | CHG./% |
|---|---|---|
| Shanghai | 3334.50 | -16.0/-.5 |
| Stoxx600 | 465.26 | +4.9/+1.1 |
| Nikkei | 29157.95 | +34.8/+.1 |
| MSCI-EAFE | 2146.08 | +15.5/+.7 |
| Bovespa | 105148.48 | +2974.1/+2.9 |
| FTSE 100 | 7778.38 | +75.7/+.0 |
| CAC-40 | 7432.93 | +92.2/+1.3 |

### LARGEST COMPANIES

*Based on market capitalization*

| STOCK | CLOSE | CHG. |
|---|---|---|
| Alphabet Inc C | 106.22 | +1.01 |
| Alphabet Inc A | 105.57 | +.88 |
| Amazon.com Inc | 105.66 | +1.66 |
| Apple Inc | 173.57 | +7.78 |
| Berkshire Hath B | 323.88 | +3.88 |
| Eli Lilly | 427.81 | -.63 |
| Exxon Mobil Corp | 108.68 | +2.64 |
| JPMorgan Chase | 136.74 | +2.62 |
| Johnson & Johnson | 162.68 | +.55 |
| Meta Platforms Inc | 232.78 | -.74 |
| Microsoft Corp | 310.65 | +5.24 |
| Novo Nordisk AS | 163.24 | +2.81 |
| Nvidia Corporation | 286.80 | +11.18 |
| Procter & Gamble | 156.03 | +.52 |
| Taiwan Semicon | 84.97 | +1.48 |
| Tesla Inc | 170.06 | +8.86 |
| Unitedhealth Group | 494.28 | +7.00 |
| Visa Inc | 231.78 | +6.18 |
| WalMart Strs | 151.77 | +1.30 |

### TREASURY YIELDS

| DURATION | CLOSE | PREV. |
|---|---|---|
| 3-month Disc | 5.10 | 5.10 |
| 6-month disc | 4.90 | 4.82 |
| 2-year | 3.92 | 3.79 |
| 10-year | 3.44 | 3.38 |
| 30-year | 3.75 | 3.73 |

### SPOT METALS

| | CLOSE | PREV. |
|---|---|---|
| Gold | $2017.40 | $2048.00 |
| Silver | $25.743 | $26.035 |
| Platinum | $1068.30 | $1050.30 |

### INTEREST RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Prime Rate | 8.25 |
| Discount Rate Primary | 5.75 |
| Fed Funds Target | 5.00-5.25 |
| Money Mkt Overnight Avg. | 0.52 |

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

*A U.S. Dollar buys . . .*

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina (Peso) | 226.2443 |
| Australia (Dollar) | 1.4805 |
| Brazil (Real) | 4.9399 |
| Britain (Pound) | .7911 |
| Canada (Dollar) | 1.3374 |
| China (Yuan) | 6.9106 |
| Euro | .9070 |
| India (Rupee) | 81.673 |
| Israel (Shekel) | 3.6358 |
| Japan (Yen) | 134.81 |
| Mexico (Peso) | 17.7825 |
| Poland (Zloty) | 4.15 |
| So. Korea (Won) | 1319.26 |
| Taiwan (Dollar) | 30.65 |
| Thailand (Baht) | 33.85 |

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

*Based on total assets*

| FUND | NAV | CHG IN $ | 1-YR %RTN |
|---|---|---|---|
| **American Funds** AmrcnBalA m | 29.67 | +.25 | +.1 |
| **American Funds** AmrcnMutA m | 49.10 | +.65 | +1.2 |
| **American Funds** CptWldGrIncA m | 55.18 | +.76 | +4.4 |
| **American Funds** CptlIncBldrA m | 64.54 | +.63 | +1.5 |
| **American Funds** FdmtlInvsA m | 64.20 | +1.04 | +2.4 |
| **American Funds** GrfAmrcA m | 55.16 | +.86 | -1.5 |
| **American Funds** IncAmrcA m | 22.81 | +.22 | -.5 |
| **American Funds** InvCAmrcA m | 44.29 | +.65 | +3.9 |
| **American Funds** NwPrspctvA m | 52.61 | +.71 | +3.1 |
| **American Funds** WAMtInvsA m | 52.92 | +.85 | +.7 |
| **Baird** AggrgateBdInstl | 9.85 | -.03 | +.4 |
| **Dodge & Cox** Incl | 12.50 | -.02 | +1.1 |
| **Dodge & Cox** IntlStkI | 46.74 | +.90 | +8.0 |
| **Dodge & Cox** StkI | 215.39 | +4.30 | -1.7 |
| **Fidelity** 500IdxInsPrm | 143.65 | +2.61 | +1.5 |
| **Fidelity** BCGrowth | 135.76 | +2.84 | +.6 |
| **Fidelity** Contrafund | 13.61 | +.20 | +3.1 |
| **Fidelity** GlobalexUSIdx | 13.52 | +.18 | +6.2 |
| **Fidelity** GroCo | 26.79 | +.62 | +4.1 |
| **Fidelity** IntlIdxInstlPrm | 46.14 | +.58 | +11.4 |
| **Fidelity** InvmGradeBd | 10.11 | -.03 | +.7 |
| **Fidelity** TtlMktIdxInsPrm | 113.73 | +2.12 | +.3 |
| **Fidelity** USBdIdxInsPrm | 10.45 | -.03 | +.3 |
| **Metropolitan West** TtlRetBdI | 9.30 | -.03 | -.5 |
| **PIMCO** IncInstl | 10.49 | ... | +2.0 |
| **PIMCO** TtlRetIns | 8.67 | -.02 | -.9 |
| **Schwab** SP500Idx | 62.49 | ... | -3.9 |
| **Vanguard** 500IdxAdmrl | 381.97 | +6.95 | +1.4 |
| **Vanguard** BalIdxAdmrl | 41.66 | +.42 | +.5 |
| **Vanguard** DivGrInv | 35.72 | +.41 | +2.9 |
| **Vanguard** EqIncAdmrl | 82.40 | +1.44 | -.9 |
| **Vanguard** GrIdxAdmrl | 129.78 | +2.66 | +2.1 |
| **Vanguard** HCAdmrl | 91.52 | +.94 | +13.5 |
| **Vanguard** InTrTEAdmrl | 13.59 | ... | +4.1 |
| **Vanguard** InsIdxIns | 345.59 | +6.29 | +1.4 |
| **Vanguard** InsIdxInsPlus | 345.58 | +6.28 | +1.5 |
| **Vanguard** IntlGrAdmrl | 100.42 | +1.54 | +5.6 |
| **Vanguard** MdCpIdxAdmrl | 256.30 | +4.23 | -4.0 |
| **Vanguard** PrmCpAdmrl | 141.89 | +2.14 | +3.7 |
| **Vanguard** STInvmGrdAdmrl | 10.12 | -.02 | +2.0 |
| **Vanguard** SmCpIdxAdmrl | 88.83 | +1.95 | -3.8 |
| **Vanguard** TrgtRtr2020Fd | 26.75 | +.14 | +1.0 |
| **Vanguard** TrgtRtr2025Fd | 17.70 | +.14 | +1.3 |
| **Vanguard** TrgtRtr2030Fd | 33.42 | +.31 | +1.5 |
| **Vanguard** TrgtRtr2035Fd | 20.68 | +.22 | +1.7 |
| **Vanguard** TrgtRtr2040Fd | 36.44 | +.44 | +1.9 |
| **Vanguard** TrgtRtr2045Fd | 24.54 | +.34 | +2.1 |
| **Vanguard** TrgtRtr2050Fd | 40.71 | +.59 | +2.2 |
| **Vanguard** TrgtRtr2055Fd | 45.42 | +.66 | +2.3 |
| **Vanguard** TrgtRtrIncFd | 12.79 | +.04 | +.9 |
| **Vanguard** TtBMIdxAdmrl | 9.73 | -.03 | +.3 |
| **Vanguard** TtBMIdxIns | 9.73 | -.03 | +.3 |
| **Vanguard** TtInSIdxAdmrl | 30.30 | +.39 | +5.3 |
| **Vanguard** TtInSIdxIns | 121.19 | +1.57 | +5.3 |
| **Vanguard** TtInSIdxInv | 18.12 | +.24 | +5.3 |
| **Vanguard** TtlSMIdxAdmrl | 99.66 | +1.85 | +.3 |
| **Vanguard** TtlSMIdxIns | 99.68 | +1.85 | +.3 |
| **Vanguard** WlngtnAdmrl | 69.18 | +.70 | +2.6 |
| **Vanguard** WlslyIncAdmrl | 59.77 | +.30 | +.3 |
| **Vanguard** WndsrIIAdmrl | 69.37 | +1.21 | +.9 |

*d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.*
*m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.*
*Source: Morningstar.*

# NATION & WORLD

WAR IN UKRAINE

## Wagner boss threatens Bakhmut exit

### Mercenary chief faults Russian brass for ammo shortage

**By David Rising**
Associated Press

The partner of a former U.S. soldier who was killed in Bakhmut mourns at his funeral Friday in Kyiv. **SERGEI SUPINSKY/GETTY-AFP**

KYIV, Ukraine — The owner of Russia's Wagner military contractor threatened Friday to withdraw his troops next week from the protracted battle for the eastern Ukrainian city of Bakhmut, accusing Moscow's military command of starving his forces of ammunition.

Yevgeny Prigozhin, a wealthy entrepreneur with longtime links to Russian President Vladimir Putin, claimed that Wagner fighters had planned to capture Bakhmut by May 9, Russia's Victory Day holiday celebrating the defeat of Nazi Germany. But they were undersupplied and suffering heavy losses, he said, and would hand over operations to the regular army May 10.

It is not the first time Prigozhin has raged about ammunition shortages and blamed Russia's military. Known for bluster, he has previously made unverifiable claims and threats he hasn't carried out.

Prigozhin's spokespeople also published a video of him Friday shouting, swearing and pointing at dozens of uniformed bodies lying on the ground. He says they are Wagner fighters who died Thursday, and he demands ammunition from Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and General Staff Chief Valery Gerasimov.

"These are someone's fathers and someone's sons," Prigozhin says. "The scum that doesn't give us ammunition will eat their guts in hell."

Yohann Michel, a research analyst with the International Institute for Strategic Studies think tank, said Prigozhin's comments should usually be taken with a grain of salt, but "this time I would take a shovel of salt, at least, or maybe a truck."

But why Prigozhin is threatening to pull his forces out is an open question, Michel said. He might want to regroup without being accused of retreating; he may worry about being fired for not taking the city and prefer to say he left on his own; or he could genuinely need more ammunition.

"The only thing I am taking seriously from that declaration is that Bakhmut is probably not ready to fall," said Michel, who is based in Berlin.

Wagner has spearheaded the struggle for Bakhmut, the war's longest — and likely bloodiest — battle.

U.S. National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Monday that the U.S. estimates that nearly half of the 20,000 Russian troops killed in Ukraine since December were Wagner fighters in Bakhmut.

A pullout by Wagner would be a huge blow to the Russian campaign.

For the Ukrainian side, Bakhmut has become an important symbol of resistance to Russia's invasion.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says its loss could build international support for a deal that could require Ukraine to make unacceptable compromises.

Like Michel, Ukrainian officials were skeptical about Prigozhin's claims of ammunition shortages.

Military intelligence representative Andrii Cherniak told The Associated Press that Prigozhin was trying to "justify their unsuccessful actions" in Bakhmut.

At the end of last year, the U.S. estimated Wagner had about 50,000 personnel fighting in Ukraine, including 10,000 contractors and 40,000 convicts the company has enlisted. That makes it a small part of Russian fighting forces.

If Prigozhin did pull Wagner's troops out of Bakhmut, it would have serious implications, Michel said.

"If he's removed from the front line — except if Russia surprisingly has reserves that they did not want to use before — I think we can say it is the end of this phase of the offensive for Russia," he said.

Prigozhin's acrimonious relations with the military brass date back to Wagner's creation in 2014.

During the war in Ukraine, he has publicly accused some top Russian military officials of incompetence — behavior that is unusual in Russia's tightly controlled political system.

Prigozhin alleged Friday that Russia's regular army was supposed to protect the flanks as Wagner troops pushed forward but is "barely holding on to them," deploying "tens and rarely hundreds" of troops.

"Wagner ran out of resources to advance in early April, but we're advancing despite the fact that the enemy's resources outnumber ours fivefold," Prigozhin's statement said.

Hanna Maliar, deputy head of Ukraine's Defense Ministry, said Friday that Ukrainian artillery had destroyed some Wagner ammunition depots, and other military officials said Ukrainian forces were holding their own in Bakhmut. The Russian Defense Ministry, meanwhile, said its forces had destroyed a bridge that Ukrainian troops used to supply their side in Bakhmut. It wasn't possible to verify either side's claims.

Prigozhin has toured Russian prisons to recruit fighters, promising inmates pardons if they survive a half-year tour of front-line duty with Wagner.

Western countries and U.N. experts have accused Wagner mercenaries of committing numerous human rights abuses throughout Africa.

## CDC chief stepping down, cites pandemic transition in letter to Biden

**By Mike Stobbe**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dr. Rochelle Walensky, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, submitted her resignation Friday, saying the waning of the COVID-19 pandemic was a good time to make a transition.

Walensky's last day will be June 30, CDC officials said. An interim director was not named.

She sent a resignation letter to President Joe Biden and announced the decision at a CDC staff meeting.

Walensky, 54, has been the agency's director for a little over two years, and the announcement took many health experts by surprise. In her letter to Biden, she expressed "mixed feelings" about the decision and didn't explain why she was stepping down, but said the nation is at a moment of transition as emergency declarations come to an end.

"I have never been prouder of anything I have done in my professional career," she wrote.

Walensky

The World Health Organization said Friday that COVID-19 no longer qualifies as a global emergency, and the U.S. public health emergency will expire next week. Deaths in the U.S. are at their lowest point since the earliest days of the outbreak in 2020.

The CDC, with a $12 billion budget and more than 12,000 employees, is an Atlanta-based federal agency charged with protecting Americans from disease outbreaks and other health threats.

Walensky, previously an infectious-diseases specialist at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, had no experience running a government health agency when she was sworn in on the first day of the Biden administration. She came with a reputation as a prominent voice on the pandemic, sometimes criticizing how the government was responding.

At the time of her arrival, more than 400,000 U.S. COVID-19 deaths had been reported, and states were scrambling to get supplies of vaccines. Morale at the CDC was abysmal. The Trump administration had marginalized the agency, with the White House taking over the government's messaging about the pandemic and sometimes undermining what the CDC wanted to do.

Walensky leaves at a time when the national COVID-19 death toll stands at about 1.1 million people. Reported cases, hospitalizations and deaths from the virus have been trending downward for months.

Biden said Walensky "leaves CDC a stronger institution, better positioned to confront health threats and protect Americans."

## Air Force chief in line as chairman of Joint Chiefs

### Biden likely to select career pilot to follow Milley, officials say

**By Tara Copp and Lolita C. Baldor**
Associated Press

Air Force Gen. CQ Brown Jr. is a career fighter pilot. He has been widely viewed as the front-runner to replace Gen. Mark Milley as chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden is expected to nominate a history-making Air Force fighter pilot with years of experience in shaping U.S. defenses to meet China's rise to serve as the nation's next top military officer, according to two U.S. officials familiar with the decision.

If confirmed by the Senate, Air Force Gen. CQ Brown Jr. would replace the current chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Mark Milley, whose term ends in October.

Brown has long been considered a front-runner for the position and Biden is likely to announce his nomination shortly, according to the officials, who spoke Friday on the condition of anonymity.

While Brown would not be the first Black chairman — the late Army Gen. Colin Powell was the first — it would be the first time that both the Pentagon's top military and civilian positions were held by African Americans. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, the first Black Pentagon chief, has been in the job since the beginning of the administration.

Brown, 61, is a career F-16 fighter pilot with more than 3,000 flight hours and command experience at all levels. For the last year he's been widely viewed as the front-runner to replace Milley, as the Pentagon shifts from preparing for the major land wars of the past to deterring a potential future conflict with Beijing.

That effort could depend heavily upon the military's ability to rapidly meet China's rise in cyberwar, space, nuclear weapons and hypersonics, all areas Brown has sharply focused on for the last several years as the Air Force's top military leader, in order to modernize U.S. airpower for a 21st-century fight.

Brown has broken barriers throughout his career. He served as the military's first Black Pacific Air Forces commander, where he led the nation's air strategy to counter China in the Indo-Pacific region as Beijing rapidly militarized islands in the South China Sea and tested its bomber reach with flights near Guam.

Three years ago he became the first Black Air Force chief of staff, the service's top military officer, which also made him the first African American to lead any of the military branches.

The Joint Chiefs chairman is the highest-ranking officer in the country and serves as the senior military adviser to the president, the defense secretary and the National Security Council. The chairman commands no troops and is not formally in the chain of command. But the chairman plays a critical role in all major military issues, from policy decisions to advice on major combat operations, and leads meetings with all the joint chiefs who head the various armed services.

Arnold Punaro, a retired major general and former staff director for the Senate Armed Services Committee who has worked with many nominees through the confirmation process, said Brown has the credibility and experience to push the services onto a modern warfare footing.

"We have not yet made the needed adjustments to deal with the threat posed by China," Punaro said in a statement, calling Brown the "perfect nominee" for this point in history.

As Air Force chief, Brown has pushed to modernize U.S. nuclear capabilities, including the soon-to-fly next-generation stealth bomber, and led the effort to shed aging warplanes so there's funding to move forward with a new fleet of unmanned systems. He's also supported the development of the U.S. Space Force, which received many of its first Guardians and capabilities from the Air Force.

Rep. Mikie Sherrill, D-N.J., said she hadn't been formally told of the announcement, but said Brown is a good choice.

"I do think it's really important that the next person in charge have that (Indo-Pacific) experience," Sherrill said. "I just think that's so critical."

Brown is private and deliberate and seen as a polar opposite to Milley, whose four-year tour has been tumultuous at times. Milley's big personality and blunt talk may have helped propel him to the top job under former President Donald Trump, but that same outspokenness eventually infuriated Trump.

Milley's past two years under Biden have been much calmer, and he has assumed a lower profile as well as he has been consumed with U.S. efforts to provide military aid to Ukraine.

Brown is expected to maintain that low profile.

# China deleting videos on poverty

## Communist Party dislikes talk about lack of prosperity

**By Li Yuan**
The New York Times

China tries to play down poverty for its citizens and tourists, like these in Shanghai. China's growth and prosperity have waned, and poverty has become a sore subject that draws ire from the Communist government. **QILAI SHEN/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

A heartbreaking video of a retiree that showed what groceries she could buy with 100 yuan, about $14.50 — roughly her monthly pension and sole source of income — went viral on the Chinese internet.

The video was deleted.

A singer vented the widespread frustration among young, educated Chinese about their dire finances and gloomy job prospects, like gig work. "I wash my face every day, but my pocket is cleaner than my face," he sings. "I went to college to help rejuvenate China, not to deliver meals."

His song was banned, and his social media accounts were suspended.

A migrant worker toiling to support his family gained widespread sympathy and attention last year after he tested positive for COVID-19, and officials released extensive details of his movements. He became known as the hardest-working person in China.

Censors blocked discussions about him, and local authorities were stationed outside his house to prevent journalists from visiting his wife.

China says it is a socialist country that aims to promote common prosperity.

In 2021, its top leader, Xi Jinping, declared "a comprehensive victory in the battle against poverty."

Yet many people remain poor or live just above the poverty line. With the country's economic prospects dimming and the people's increasing anxiety about their future, poverty has become a taboo subject that can draw ire from the government.

In March, the Cyberspace Administration of China, the country's internet regulator, announced that it would crack down on anyone who publishes videos or posts that "deliberately manipulate sadness, incite polarization, create harmful information that damages the image of the party and the government, and disrupts economic and social development."

It bans sad videos of old people, disabled people and kids.

Behind the ban is a government eager to keep all talk about China positive. The Communist Party brags about how many people it lifted out of poverty in the past four decades, while refusing to mention how it had thrown the entire nation into abject poverty under Mao Zedong.

Poverty alleviation is a medal the party flaunts to claim its legitimacy. But despite China's rise as an economic power, it has a drastically inadequate social safety net, and the government is eager to block any discussion of the conditions poor people face.

Hu Chenfeng recorded the footage that was removed from the Chinese internet. On popular video sites, he had posted a recording showing an elderly woman living on barely $15 a month. In the words of many social media commenters, he was revealing too much.

"This subject is untouchable," one commenter wrote on a now-deleted discussion thread on Zhihu, a site similar to Quora.

Another wrote, "His account was censored simply because he showed what life is like for many people."

In the video, which survives outside the Chinese internet on YouTube, Hu interviews the woman, a 78-year-old widow, on the street in the southwestern city of Chengdu. She said she planned to buy only rice, about the only thing she could afford. She hadn't eaten meat for a long time. Tears rolled down her cheeks as she recounted her financial hardship. The two walk through a grocery store. They bought rice, eggs, pork and flour. The bill came to 127 yuan. Hu insisted on paying. He was emotional, too, signing off with "a heavy heart."

The video was removed from the two biggest user-generated video platforms in China. Hu's accounts were suspended.

Even a thread on Zhihu about why the government doesn't allow videos about the poor was censored. "Because theoretically there's no poor people in China," a social media user speculated in a post before the thread vanished. "China has eliminated poverty."

"Because this society only allows you to celebrate prosperity," another commenter wrote. "You have to shoulder all the sufferings yourself and not share them online."

Income inequality is a problem in many countries, including the United States. In China, the biggest divide in wealth is among rural and urban residents. The gap is created by government rules that peg social benefits, including schooling, health care and pensions, to where a person was born, not according to their residence, income or needs. The policy hurts retirees in particular.

In 2021, older people from the countryside received on average $27 a month in social security benefits, according to a government report. That pension is about 5% of what the average urban retiree gets.

One viral video about seniors struggling to make ends meet took place in one of China's most populous provinces, Henan, where the government raised monthly pensions for rural residents from $16 to $18 this year. The video shows two porters in their 70s unloading a truckload of cement using their hands and shoulders.

In China's go-go years of miraculous economic growth, straddling the 1990s to mid-2010s, poverty wasn't a topic that people paid much attention to. Now, with the country's economic engine sputtering, Chinese who are new to the middle class are worried that they could fall back into poverty, part of the reason these videos attracted attention.

Because of propaganda and censorship, many of them weren't aware of the depth and prevalence of poverty in the country.

When the premier at the time, Li Keqiang, said in 2020 that 600 million Chinese — 40% of the population — had monthly income of less than $150, some people, who didn't know where the numbers came from, called it fake news. The official People's Daily had to call on the State Statistics Bureau to confirm it was true. The official Chinese press seldom mentioned the inconvenient number again.

Another reason poverty is seen as a novelty among the middle class is that local governments usually chase beggars and homeless people off the streets. They become invisible in big cities.

Beijing does not only bar beggars and homeless people from staying in the city. In winter 2017, it kicked many low-income people out of their apartments to get rid of what it called "low-quality population."

Now with video streamers roaming the country, trying to find revealing facts that attract online attention, the public can see the poor and some of the unpleasant aspects of life in China.

"I shot these videos in the hope of making some money while pushing our society to move forward just a little bit," Hu, the videographer, said in a video on a backup social media account that's open. "But I never expected that this is forbidden."

Labour leader Keir Starmer joins party members Friday in Chatham, England, where the party took control of Medway's council for the first time since 1998. **GARETH FULLER/PA IMAGES**

# Key local elections in UK see Conservatives take a beating

**By Jill Lawless**
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's Conservative Party endured a drubbing from voters Friday in local elections that delivered a warning to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak 's government, and a boost to the opposition, as a national election approaches.

The left-of-center main opposition Labour Party made gains that raised its hopes of winning a nationwide parliamentary vote that is due by the end of 2024.

Labour leader Keir Starmer said, "We are on course for a Labour majority at the next general election."

The Conservatives acknowledged it had been a "disappointing" election.

With almost all the results from Thursday's voting in, the Conservatives had lost more than 1,000 seats in elections for more than 8,000 seats on 230 local councils across England. Before the vote, the party had used the 1,000 figure as a reasonable worst-case scenario.

The right-of-center party lost control of more than 40 councils, including Medway in southeast England, which it had run for a quarter-century, and Plymouth in the southwest.

Labour gained more than 500 seats and won control of several new councils, while the centrist Liberal Democrats also made gains and grabbed control from the Conservatives in Windsor, an affluent town west of London that is the location of royal residence Windsor Castle. There were also surprise wins for the environmentalist Greens.

The BBC projected that if the results were replicated nationally, Labour would have a nine-point lead, likely enough to form a government, and possibly win an outright majority of seats in Parliament.

While many contests turned on local issues such as potholes and garbage collection, voters appeared to punish the Conservatives for the turmoil that engulfed the party under former Prime Minister Boris Johnson. He resigned amid multiple scandals and was replaced by Liz Truss, whose rash tax-cutting plans spooked financial markets, hammered the value of the pound and roiled the U.K. economy.

Truss was forced to resign after six weeks in office, becoming Britain's shortest-serving prime minister. The party chose Sunak, a former banker, to try to restore stability to the economy and the government.

Worryingly for Sunak's party, the Conservatives lost ground both in working-class northern areas that they previously won from Labour — largely by championing Britain's exit from the European Union — and in more affluent southern districts where anti-Brexit voters have turned to the Lib Dems or Labour.

The Conservatives have been in power nationally since 2010, years that saw austerity following the world global banking crisis, Britain's divisive decision to leave the European Union, a pandemic and a European war that has triggered the worst cost-of-living crisis in decades.

The results aren't a complete snapshot of the U.K. There were no elections in London, Scotland or Wales, while Northern Ireland will vote May 18.

# Back-to-back mass shootings horrify deeply divided Serbia

**By Jovana Gec and Dusan Stojanovic**
Associated Press

Mourners light candles Friday for the victims of Wednesday's mass shooting in Belgrade, the Serbian capital. Another shooting Thursday rattled the nation. **DARKO VOJINOVIC/AP**

BELGRADE, Serbia — The first mass shooting left Serbia weeping. The second set off waves of soul-searching in a deeply divided nation, awash in weaponry, where war criminals are glorified and memories run deep of years of civil war.

Two mass killings in two days. Nineteen people dead and 21 injured.

"We walked around like zombies for 24 hours, not believing what has happened and looking for reasons," President Aleksandar Vucic, a populist authoritarian who began his political career as a far-right Serbian nationalist during the Yugoslav civil wars, said Friday in a nationwide TV address.

The back-to-back bloodshed sent shock waves through a Balkan nation scarred by wars, but unused to mass murders. Though Serbia is full of weapons left over from the conflicts of the 1990s, the last mass shooting before this week was in 2013, when a war veteran killed 13 people in a central Serbian village.

In Thursday's attack, a 20-year-old gunman apparently firing at random killed eight people and wounded 14 in two Serbian villages, authorities said, shaking a nation still in the throes of grief over another mass shooting a day earlier. Police arrested a suspect Friday after an all-night search.

Vucic called the shootings an attack on the nation — and said the person arrested wore a T-shirt bearing a pro-Nazi slogan.

The slayings came a day after a 13-year-old boy used his father's guns to kill eight fellow students and a guard at a school in Belgrade, the capital.

As a nationwide period of mourning began, TV screens were filled with people wearing black, and music was banned from the airwaves as well as in cafes and restaurants. People lined up in Belgrade to donate blood, responding to an appeal for supplies needed to treat the wounded.

The assailant in Thursday's attack shot people in two villages near Mladenovac, a municipality about 30 miles south of the capital, police said. Vucic said the gunman targeted people "wherever they were."

In the village of Dubona, blood stained a schoolyard where some of the shots were fired and also the ground near a bench where residents often sit to share a beer and chat.

"I heard some tak-tak-tak sounds," recalled Milan Prokic, a Dubona resident.

Prokic said he first thought people were shooting to celebrate a birth, as is tradition in Serbia.

"But it wasn't that. Shame, great shame," Prokic said.

Police said a suspect, identified by the initials U.B., was arrested in Vinjiste, a village 90 miles south of Belgrade.

Officers searching a relative's home found a large stash of illegal weapons and ammunition, state broadcaster RTS reported.

Authorities released a photo showing a young man in a police car in a blue T-shirt with the slogan "Generation 88" on it.

The double eights are often used as shorthand for "Heil Hitler" because H is the eighth letter of the alphabet.

Vucic said the suspect repeated the word "disparagement," but it wasn't clear what he meant.

The president vowed in his address to the nation that the suspect "will never again see the light of the day."

He referred to the attack as an act of terror and announced tougher gun-control measures, in addition to those proposed by the government a day earlier.

He called for a moratorium on new licenses for all weapons in the next two years, a review of all current licenses, longer prison sentences for those who break the rules and "fierce" punishment for anyone caught with illegal weapons. But first, police will offer an amnesty to encourage people to hand over illegal guns — an action that has had limited success in the past.

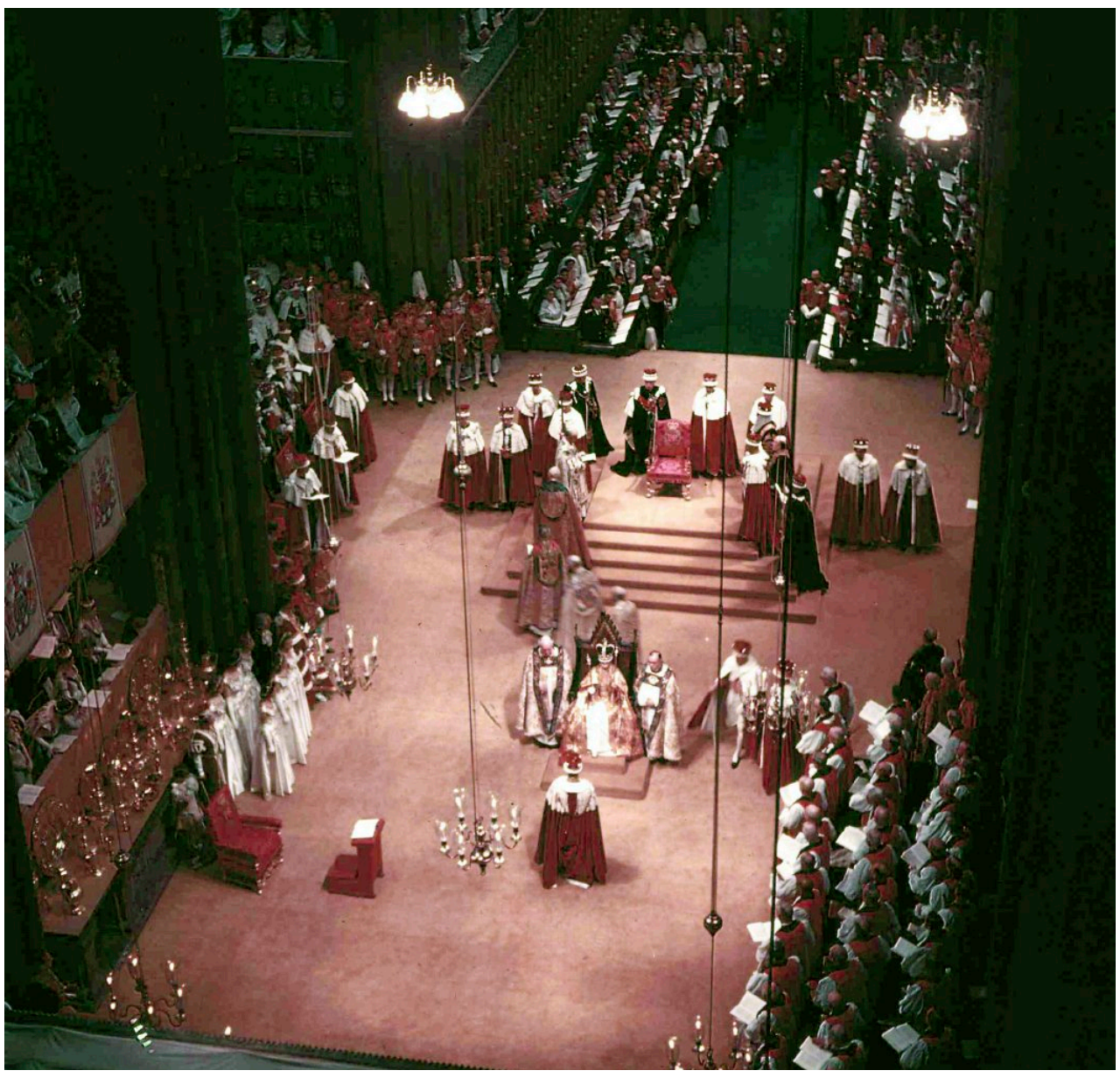
"We will disarm Serbia," Vucic promised, saying the government would outline the new rules later.

KING CHARLES III

# Covering queen's coronation in '53

## Wire service beat TV to get 1st image to American public

**By Allen G. Breed**
Associated Press



Queen Elizabeth II sits in St. Edward's Chair at Westminster Abbey in London. In 1953, it took 8 minutes to transmit a black-and-white photograph to the United States. The New York Daily News printed a photo 1 hour and 43 minutes after the event. **AP**

It might just be the coolest caption in newspaper history: "AP Wirephoto via jet bomber from London."

On Saturday, The Associated Press will deploy a small army of writers, photographers, radio correspondents and video journalists to cover the coronation of Britain's King Charles III.

But for his mother's crowning 70 years ago, the world's oldest news cooperative enlisted the help of an air force as well.

Founded in 1846 by competing New York City newspapers looking to share the costs of covering the Mexican War, the AP used boats, barges, trains, sleighs, ponies and pigeons to get stories to its members. The AP was an early adopter of Samuel Morse's and Alfred Vail's telegraph — thus the term "wire service." With the telegraph, communications technology severed itself permanently from transportation methods.

"Innovation is in our bloodstream — and always has been," says Valerie Komor, director of AP's corporate archives.

Another leap came in 1935, when — after 10 years of development in collaboration with AT&T — the AP launched its Wirephoto service, using a 10,000-mile network of telephone lines to distribute photos to newspapers simultaneously with the news report. The photos were transmitted using a light bulb called an "exciter lamp."

The print was wrapped around a cylinder that rotated as the lamp shone its beam across the image, scanning about 1 inch of copy per minute. So, an 8 x 10 black-and-white photo took eight minutes to transmit — that is, if there was no interference on the line.

That technology had changed little by 1953, as the world prepared for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. But the AP had a few tricks up its sleeve.

Today, stories, photos and videos are beamed around the planet via a network of satellites. But this was more than four years before the Soviet Union successfully put Sputnik into orbit.

To get its photos out of London, the AP was relying on the "radiophoto," which used the airwaves to transmit images. But there was another hurdle.

Normal commercial radiophoto circuits of the day ran at a rate of 60 revolutions per minute; the AP's wirephoto network operated at 100 rpm. So, for the coronation, the AP leased a special circuit operating at the higher rate.

Pre-coronation tests were conducted in London. "Results were reasonably good," the AP noted. But, it warned its members that atmospheric storms forecast between London and New York that week "may make radiophoto transmission difficult — perhaps impossible during certain periods." The problem: Radio waves carrying a photo signal across the Atlantic didn't simply follow the Earth's curvature.

"To reach New York successfully they must be reflected from layers of electrified air particles 100 to 200 miles above the Earth," the wire service wrote. "It is the reflection from this 'mirror' which makes possible long distance transmission of pictures by radio."

During atmospheric storms, the AP said, that mirror might become clouded, "like the mirror in your bathroom after your hot shower."

So, as a precaution, the AP arranged to have the original photos transported across the Atlantic aboard English Electric Canberra jet planes — the Royal Air Force's new high-altitude bombers — that were already tasked to carry television films.

"These planes will leave London at intervals during the day," the wire service told its members, "with the first jet due in Montreal around 3:30 pm, EST. Original prints will be sent directly onto AP's wirephoto network from a location at St. Hubert's airport in Montreal."

The dual plan worked, and the AP prevailed over the "opposition," a committee of the Associated Press Managing Editors group crowed in a postmortem of the photo coverage. The dedicated circuit was used "in contrast to circuits the opposition were using (and cursing), and it was a key factor in AP's success."

"Over this 6,000-mile route from London, AP started moving a picture of Elizabeth wearing her crown only 18 minutes after it was put on her head," the report noted. "By the same method the New York Daily News received the picture of Elizabeth's leaving the palace, and printed it only an hour and 43 minutes after the event. The News called it 'an all-time record for picture-handling.'"

In a battle to be first on American airwaves with footage, CBS and NBC each hired "souped-up" P-51 Mustang fighter planes to ferry film from Canada to Boston, the AP reported. In a scheme dubbed "Operation Astro," NBC even hired a Canberra being delivered to the Venezuelan air force to carry its film, though alleged fuel pump problems forced it to turn around, according to a 1988 retrospective by former network president Reuven Frank.

"The TV networks spared no expense to deliver coronation films to U.S. viewers," the APME panel wrote. "But thanks to the absence of any TV transatlantic link, U.S. afternoon papers had the picture beat."

# Posh ceremony strikes a sour note with some

## Protesters against monarchy plan to chant 'Not my king'

**By Jill Lawless**
Associated Press

Protesters wait for the arrival of King Charles III and Camilla, the queen consort, last month in Liverpool. **JON SUPER/POOL PHOTO**

LONDON — On his way to be crowned, King Charles III will travel by gilded coach through streets swathed in red, white and blue Union flags — and past a warning from history.

At Trafalgar Square stands a large bronze statue of King Charles I, the 17th-century monarch deposed by Parliament and executed in 1649.

On Saturday, more than 1,500 protesters, dressed in yellow for maximum visibility, plan to gather beside it to chant "Not my king" as the royal procession goes by.

"We'll try and keep the atmosphere light, but our aim is to make it impossible to ignore," said Graham Smith, chief executive of the anti-monarchist group Republic.

The coronation, he said, is "a celebration of a corrupt institution. And it is a celebration of one man taking a job that he has not earned."

Republican activists have long struggled to build momentum to dislodge Britain's 1,000-year-old monarchy. But they see the coronation as a moment of opportunity.

Queen Elizabeth II, who died in September after 70 years on the throne, was widely respected because of her longevity and sense of duty.

Charles is another matter, a 74-year-old whose family feuds and firm opinions on everything from architecture to the environment have been headline fodder for decades.

Opinion polls suggest opposition and apathy to the monarchy are both growing.

In a recent study by the National Center for Social Research, just 29% of respondents thought the monarchy was "very important" — the lowest level in the center's 40 years of research on the subject. Opposition was highest among the young.

"I think it's definitely shifting," said Smith, whose group wants to replace the monarch with an elected head of state. "People are quite happy to criticize Charles in a way they weren't willing to necessarily in public about the queen."

Millions in Britain will watch broadcasts when Charles is crowned in Westminster Abbey. Tens of thousands will line the streets, and neighborhoods across the country will hold parties.

But millions more will ignore the ceremonies.

Some will attend alternative events, including a gig in Glasgow by tribute band the Scottish Sex Pistols, recapturing the spirit of punks who sang "God save the queen, the fascist regime" during the late queen's 1977 silver jubilee.

London's Newington Green Meeting House, a gathering place for religious dissenters and radicals for 300 years, is holding an "alternative community party," complete with food, drink and "radical and republican" music.

General manager Nick Toner said the event is for people who "don't want to sit through hours of footage of ceremonies, carriages and endless Union Jacks, perhaps because they think it's a waste of taxpayers' money or even just plain old boring."

While the BBC, Britain's publicly owned national broadcaster, will offer wall-to-wall coronation coverage Saturday, rival Channel 4 offers an alternative schedule, including a musical about disgraced royal Prince Andrew, irreverent sitcom "The Windsors" and documentary "Farewell to the Monarchy."

Some argue that it's grotesque to spend millions on pomp and pageantry amid a cost-of-living crisis that has brought 10% inflation, driven thousands to food banks, and triggered months of strikes by nurses, teachers and other workers seeking higher pay.

Even Charles' slimmed-down ceremony — with about 2,000 guests instead of the 8,000 who attended the queen's coronation in 1953 — carries a big price tag for British taxpayers. The full cost won't be known until afterward, but Elizabeth's 1953 coronation cost 912,000 pounds, the equivalent of 20.5 million pounds ($26 million) today.

Deputy Prime Minister Oliver Dowden, who helps oversee coronation arrangements, has argued that "people would not want a dour scrimping and scraping" at such a "marvelous moment in our history."

Coronation supporters argue that the celebrations will be a boost for brand Britain, attracting tourists and stimulating sales.

Not everyone is convinced.

"I disagree with it," said Philippa Higgins, 24, a receptionist in London. "I just think it seems a bit silly when we've got so many people struggling, to have something so extravagant right now. But some people argue tradition, I suppose."

Opposition to the coronation is especially strong in Scotland and Wales, where some pro-independence nationalists see the monarchy as part of the U.K. state they want to leave.

Some Scottish nationalists object to the Stone of Destiny — a 275-pound chunk of sandstone linked to both Scottish and English monarchs — being sent from Edinburgh to London to take its traditional place under the coronation chair.

The iconic rock, a symbol of Scottish nationhood seized by an English king in the 13th century and not returned until 1996, had to be moved to Westminster Abbey in secrecy and amid tight security.

Charles is keen to be seen as a modern monarch, and Buckingham Palace has adapted some of the coronation's ancient traditions for the 21st century. His coronation will be the first to feature contributions from Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh leaders, and the first to include female bishops.

Still, a suggestion from the Church of England that people watching the coronation on TV might want to swear allegiance to the king from their sofas has struck a sour note with some.

Charles is monarch of 14 former British colonies as well as the U.K., and the king has tentatively addressed the legacy of empire.

He supports research into the monarchy's links to the trans-Atlantic slave trade, and last year expressed "personal sorrow" at the suffering caused by slavery — though he stopped short of apologizing.

The number of Charles' realms is likely to dwindle during his reign.

Barbados became a republic in 2021, and Jamaica plans to do the same.

New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins said this week that he wants his country to jettison the crown, though he added that it's not an "urgent priority."

Craig Prescott, a constitutional law expert at Bangor University in Wales, says that in the U.K., the monarchy is probably safe for now because of Britain's tendency to "muddle through" and gradually adapt its politics and constitution to changing times.

"Clearly, if you were going to start from scratch, you would probably never choose one family and say, 'They're going to provide a head of state forever,' " he said. But the arrangement mostly works, and abolishing the crown "isn't on the horizon of any political party."

NEWS BRIEFING

# FDA mulls 1st request for over-the-counter birth control pill sales

From news services

WASHINGTON — U.S. health regulators are weighing the first-ever request to make a birth control pill available without a prescription.

But in an initial review posted Friday, the Food and Drug Administration raised numerous concerns about drugmaker Perrigo's application to sell its decades-old pill over the counter.

The FDA cited problems with the reliability of some of the company's data on the drug, Opill, and questioned whether women with certain medical conditions would correctly opt out of taking it.

It also noted signs that study participants had trouble understanding the labeling instructions.

Advisers to the FDA meet next week to review Perrigo's application. The two-day public meeting is one of the last steps before an FDA decision.

Friday's FDA review suggests regulators have serious reservations about broad access to the drug, including whether younger teenagers will be able to correctly follow the label's directions.

At the end of the meeting, the FDA panel will vote on whether the benefits of making the pill more widely available outweigh the potential risks.

The panel vote is not binding and the FDA is expected to make its final decision this summer.

Perrigo executives say Opill could be an important new option for the estimated 15 million U.S. women — or one-fifth of those who are of child-bearing age — who currently use no birth control or less effective methods, such as condoms.

The company's application has no relation to the ongoing lawsuits over the abortion pill mifepristone, which is not a contraceptive.

Hormone-based pills such as Opill have long been the most common form of birth control in the U.S., used by tens of millions of women since the 1960s.

Opill was first approved in the U.S. 50 years ago. Perrigo acquired rights to the drug last year with its buyout of Paris-based HRA Pharma, which bought the pill from Pfizer in 2014. It's not marketed in the U.S. but is sold without a prescription in the U.K.

**Execution blocked:** The Supreme Court on Friday blocked Oklahoma from executing death row inmate Richard Glossip for his role in a 1997 murder-for-hire after the state's attorney general agreed Glossip's life should be spared.

Glossip had been scheduled to be put to death May 18 despite statements by new Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond that Glossip did not receive a fair trial.

An Oklahoma appeals court subsequently upheld Glossip's conviction, and the state's pardon and parole board deadlocked in a vote to grant him clemency.

The high court put the execution on hold indefinitely while it reviews the case. Justice Neil Gorsuch took no part in the decision, presumably because he dealt with the case earlier as an appeals court judge.

"There is nothing more harrowing than the thought of executing a man who the state now admits has never received a fair trial," Glossip's attorney Don Knight said in a statement.

"Our hope is that the court will reverse the decision of the (Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals) and vacate Mr. Glossip's conviction once and for all," Knight added.

**A car sits crushed** under a collapsed house after a strong earthquake Friday in Suzu in Ishikawa prefecture on the west coast of Japan's main island of Honshu. The Japan Meteorological Agency measured the earthquake at magnitude 6.5. One person was reported dead and at least 13 were injured in Suzu, a city official said, adding that six homes were damaged. KYODO NEWS

**Sudan talks:** Sudan's two warring generals sent their envoys to Saudi Arabia on Friday for talks aimed at firming up a shaky ceasefire after three weeks of fierce fighting that has killed hundreds and pushed the African country to the brink of collapse, three Sudanese officials said.

The negotiations would be the first between Sudan's military, led by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, commanded by Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, since clashes broke out April 15.

According to two senior military officials and one from their paramilitary rival, the talks will begin in the Saudi coastal city of Jeddah on Saturday, following concerted efforts by Riyadh and other international powers to pressure the warring sides in Sudan to the negotiating table.

The three officials spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss the upcoming peace talks. No time frame was given for the length of the talks.

The fighting has turned Sudan's capital of Khartoum and other urban areas into battlefields and pushed hundreds of thousands from their homes.

**Congo flooding:** More than 100 people were killed in flooding and landslides brought on by torrential overnight rains in eastern Congo's South Kivu province, a local official said Friday.

Thomas Bakenge, a regional government official, gave the estimate after overseeing recovery efforts in the affected territory of Kalehe, calling the scale of destruction "enormous, beyond words ... whole houses were carried away."

Bakenge said bodies were still being collected from the shores of nearby Lake Kivu.

Two rivers broke their banks after the heavy rains, which began Thursday evening, and there have been multiple landslides with scores of homes destroyed, according to Delphin Birimbi, a community leader in the region.

As bodies were pulled from the mud, some residents estimated that more than 75% of homes in the village of Nyamukubi have been carried away by the floods, along with school buildings and a health center.

**$10M in scholarship offers:** A 16-year-old high school senior in New Orleans who received scholarship offers from 149 colleges and universities totaling $10 million said Friday that he has chosen to attend Cornell University.

Dennis "Maliq" Barnes will graduate May 24 from the International High School of New Orleans, where he earned a 4.98 grade point average. He also has 27 college credits through a dual enrollment program with Southern University of New Orleans.

He plans to study computer science at Cornell, an Ivy League school in Ithaca, New York. He has also said he is considering law school.

In an interview last week, Barnes said that a major reason he cranked out applications for close to 200 schools was his desire to have numerous educational and financial options. He was accepted at 186 colleges and universities.

**New Biden adviser:** President Joe Biden announced Friday that he has chosen Neera Tanden, a veteran Washington insider who currently serves as White House staff secretary and senior adviser, to be his new domestic policy adviser.

Tanden will be the first Asian American to lead any of the three major White House policy operations, he said.

She will succeed Susan Rice, a longtime foreign policy expert who surprised Washington by shifting to a domestic policy focus when she joined Biden's White House.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# ARTS & LIVING

Jenise Sheppard, Arielle Leverett and LaKecia Harris in "From the Mississippi Delta" at Lifeline Theatre. **SUZANNE PLUNKETT**

**REVIEW** 'FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA' ★★½

## A lot of ground to cover

**By Emily McClanathan**
For the Chicago Tribune

The action in "From the Mississippi Delta" takes place in the deep South and Minnesota, but Chicago is name-checked in the opening lines of Endesha Ida Mae Holland's autobiographical play, now running at Lifeline Theatre in a co-production with Pegasus Theatre Chicago. "My region is famous for the infamous 'wolf whistle,' " she says, referring to the incident that led to the 1955 lynching of Black Chicago teen Emmett Till. The white woman whose accusation doomed Till died just last week — a reminder that such brutal events were not so long ago as they may seem.

A scholar, professor, playwright and civil rights activist, Holland was born in 1944 in Greenwood, Mississippi, and died in 2006. Raised in poverty and raped by a white man at age 11, she turned to sex work in her teens before finding a new sense of purpose through volunteering for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee when the group came to her hometown to register Black voters. Eventually, she moved north and earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Minnesota.

"From the Mississippi Delta," the most well-known of her plays, opened off-Broadway in 1991 following engagements at several regional theaters, including the Goodman Theatre in Chicago. The play covers more than four decades of Holland's life in a whirlwind tour that is unevenly paced, lingering on early scenes in evocative detail while skimming through major events in the second act.

In Lifeline and Pegasus Theatre's revival, ILesa Duncan directs a three-person cast that includes LaKecia Harris, Arielle Leverett and Jenise Sheppard, who rotate through multiple characters. Their heartfelt, often funny performances draw one into Holland's story but don't quite make up for the pacing issues in the writing. Given the genre, it makes sense that the play is heavy on first-person narrative and light on dialogue, but it does require close listening to follow along with the action as delivered in thick Mississippi accents (dialect coaching by Shadana Patterson).

Phelia, as Holland goes by in the play (she later changed her first name to Endesha), is raised by her mother, who is known by the nickname of Aint Baby. As a skilled, hard-working midwife, Aint Baby earns the respect of her neighbors and the local male doctor, who dub her the "Second Doctor Lady." In one memorable scene, Phelia breathlessly narrates her mother's successful delivery of a breech baby, noting the traditional healing methods that Aint Baby employs during the dangerous birth.

From the start, music plays an important role in this song-filled play, and Ricky Harris' music direction merits a nod. All three actors have rich voices that fill the small theater with the sounds of African American spirituals and civil rights anthems.

Throughout the first act, the scenes range from comedic anecdotes — such as the ornery old woman who guards her water meter from rascals who might step on it, thus raising her bill — to harrowing incidents such as Phelia's experience of sexual assault, which is portrayed in a non-graphic yet gut-wrenching way. Holland's lively language paints the people and places she describes in vivid hues.

After intermission, the narrative rushes headlong through Phelia's entrée into sex work, involvement with the civil rights movement, run-ins with the Ku Klux Klan, relocation to Minnesota and three university degrees. By the time of her doctoral graduation ceremony, it's clear that she has lived a whole lot of life offstage as she cycles through a list of the people who mean the most to her, from civil rights compatriots to favorite teachers to a son who is mentioned only the one time.

In the speedy second act, I especially wish we could have spent more time with her activist friends, many of whose photos appear briefly in projections designed by Levi Wilkins. However, my complaints about the narrative choices and pacing do not negate the fact that Holland was a remarkably accomplished woman who overcame many difficulties and never forgot the people who helped her along the way. Her story should be remembered, both for its inspiration on an individual level and its important intersections with pivotal events in American history. At Lifeline, you can hear it told in her own words, which offer a valuable through-line to the civil rights era.

*Emily McClanathan is a freelance critic.*

**When:** Through June 18
**Where:** Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave.
**Running time:** 1 hour, 50 minutes
**Tickets:** $45 at 773-761-4477 and www.lifelinetheatre.com

**THINGS TO DO AROUND CHICAGO**

## Mexico Fest, Luke Combs and Doc10 Film Festival

Chicago Tribune

**APIDA Arts Festival:** May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and what better way to celebrate than a free festival featuring a variety of artists and performers? The three-day event takes place at three different Chicago ventures: the Cultural Center, the Goodman Theatre and the Museum of Contemporary Art. It all ends Sunday night with a festival after-party at Lookingglass Theatre with music, food and drinks. *Through Sunday at various venues, free (after-party is $25-$45), more information at apidaarts.org*

**Luke Combs:** Fresh off his fourth studio album "Gettin' Old," the North Carolina-born country star Combs (for the record, he's 33) brings his world tour to Soldier Field this weekend, with Riley Green, Lainey Wilson, Flatland Cavalry and Brent Cobb. *5:45 p.m. Saturday at Soldier Field, 1410 Special Olympics Drive; tickets from $50 at www.soldierfield.com*

Luke Combs is coming to Soldier Field on a bill with Riley Green, Lainey Wilson, Flatland Cavalry and Brent Cobb. **JASON KEMPIN/GETTY**

**Mexico Fest:** A *mercadito* is coming to Navy Pier with more than 30 artisan vendors from Mexico to celebrate this fest. Catch the opening ceremony on Friday at the Fifth Third Bank Family Pavillion, as well as performances at the Culture Corner Saturday and Sunday. There will be special appearances from Ballet Folklorico Sones Mexicanos, Mariachi Cuatro Vientos, Isabella Mota and more. *Through Sunday at the Cultural Corner at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.; free, more information at navypier.org*

**Blink-182:** The punk-pop band from California is playing two shows at the United Center with guests Turnstile and Beauty School Dropout — the current lineup is bassist/vocalist Mark Hoppus, drummer Travis Barker and guitarist/vocalist Tom DeLonge, back in the band after cancer treatment in 2021. They've sold some 50 million albums since their debut "Cheshire Cat" in 1995; their most recent was "Nine" in 2019. *7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.; tickets from $140 at www.ticketmaster.com*

**Deeply Rooted Dance Theater:** The Black women-led Chicago dance company honors the legacy of co-founders Kevin Iega Jeff and Gary Abbott with a performance and other events. The Dance Education Spring Showcase begins with a preshow event (at 6 p.m., separate $35 ticket) in conversation with dance leader Cleo Parker Robinson. *7 p.m. Saturday at Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St.; tickets $25 at www.deeplyrooteddancetheater.org*

**The Killers:** Lead singer Brandon Flowers and company may save "Mr. Brightside" for the encore, we don't know, they've got plenty of other high-energy songs to choose from along the way. Oh, if we could read their minds. *7 p.m. Thursday at Hard Rock Live, 5400 W. 29th Ave., Gary; general admission tickets from $195 (ages 21+) at www.ticketmaster.com*

**Chicago Fed Money Museum:** The museum devoted to economics, the role of the Federal Reserve and cold, hard cash has reopened downtown in Chicago's financial district. Interactive exhibits include a counterfeit currency detector and the old favorite, a transparent cube holding $1 million. *10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in the first floor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 S. LaSalle St.; free, more information at www.chicagofed.org*

**Doc10 Film Festival:** The city's only all-documentary film fest celebrates its 8th year. Catch documentaries selected from popular U.S. festivals like Sundance and TriBeCa. This year, the lineup features "Still: A Michael J. Fox Movie" and "Going Varsity in Mariachi," as well as a film shorts program and Q&As with the filmmakers. *Through Sunday at Davis Theater, 4614 N. Lincoln Ave., and the Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State St.; tickets for each screening are $16, more information at doc10.org*

CELEBRITIES

# Costner's status unclear as show to end

From news services

The popular television western "Yellowstone" with Kevin Costner will end this fall and be replaced almost immediately by a sequel. But like any good drama, there's some mystery involved.

The sequel, still untitled, will premiere in December on the Paramount cable network, which also televises "Yellowstone," Paramount said Friday.

Series creator Taylor Sheridan launched a phenomenon behind Costner, who plays Montana rancher John Dutton. The opening of its fifth season in November was seen by 12.1 million viewers on the night of its debut, more people than any other scripted series last fall.

"Yellowstone" will wrap up with new episodes airing in November; how many was not announced Friday. Those episodes haven't been filmed yet, and it's not clear whether Costner will participate following reports that he may want out of the series.

Paramount would not comment on that Friday, with a spokesperson saying only, "Kevin Costner is a big part of 'Yellowstone,' and we hope that's the case for a long time to come."

David Glasser, CEO of 101 Studios, which produces "Yellowstone" with MTV Entertainment, said the new series "will be picking up where 'Yellowstone' leaves off in another epic tale."

Paramount has denied reports that actor Matthew McConaughey is signed to star in the sequel. But a spokesperson said Friday that McConaughey "is a phenomenal talent with whom we'd love to partner."

Kevin Costner plays rancher John Dutton in the popular series "Yellowstone." **JEAN-BAPTISTE LACROIX/GETTY-AFP 2019**

**Sheeran performance to air on Apple Music Live:** Ed Sheeran will put his new album on full display with the help of Apple Music.

The music streaming service announced Friday that Sheeran will kick off the second season of Apple Music Live on May 10.

The British pop star's first performance of his fifth studio album, "-" or "Subtract," at Eventim Apollo in London was recorded for the Apple show. Sheeran hit the stage alongside a 12-piece band that included the National's Aaron Dessner, who produced the 14-track album released Friday. The performance will also stream on Apple TV+.

**Barrymore drops out as MTV awards host:** Drew Barrymore will no longer be hosting the MTV Movie & TV Awards in support of striking writers. However, she agreed to host next year's ceremony.

"I have listened to the writers, and in order to truly respect them, I will pivot from hosting the MTV Movie & TV Awards live in solidarity with the strike," Barrymore said in a statement.

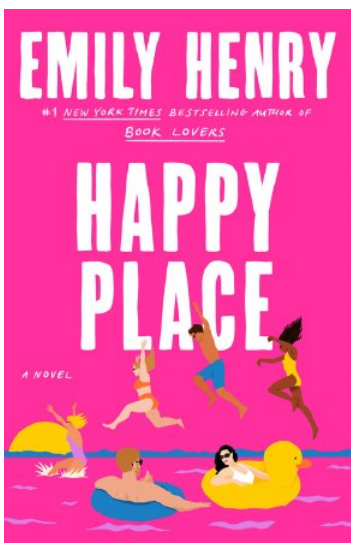
The awards show, which is still slated for Sunday, will instead go forward without a host. The show is also going without a red carpet or interviews with stars as they arrive. Producers are determining which presenters, nominees and guests can and will appear on the broadcast. The show will still air taped segments that were written and filmed before the strike began Monday.

**May 6 birthdays:** Singer Bob Seger is 78. Singer Jimmie Dale Gilmore is 78. Comedian Lulu Roman is 77. Actor Alan Dale is 76. TV personality Tom Bergeron is 68. Actor George Clooney is 62. Actor Gabourey Sidibe is 40. Comedian Sasheer Zamata is 37. Rapper Meek Mill is 36. Actor Naomi Scott is 30.

# NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

**HARDCOVER FICTION**

**1. "Happy Place" by Emily Henry** (Berkley) *Last week: —*




**2. "Simply Lies: A Psychological Thriller" by David Baldacci** (Grand Central) *Last week: 1*

**3. "In the Lives of Puppets" by TJ Klune** (Tor) *Last week: —*

**4. "Small Mercies" by Dennis Lehane** (Harper) *Last week: —*

**5. "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano** (Dial) *Last week: 2*

**6. "Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin** (Knopf) *Last week: 8*

**7. "You Shouldn't Have Come Here" by Jeneva Rose** (Blackstone) *Last week: —*

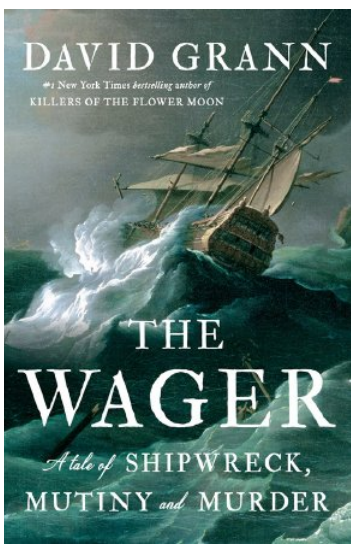
**8. "It Ends with Us" by Colleen Hoover** (Atria) *Last week: —*

**9. "The Way of the Bear" by Anne Hillerman** (Harper) *Last week: —*

**10. "Hang the Moon" by Jeannette Walls** (Scribner) *Last week: 5*

**HARDCOVER NONFICTION**

**1. "The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder" by David Grann** (Doubleday) *Last week: 2*




**2. "Y'all Eat Yet?: Welcome to the Pretty B*tchin' Kitchen" by Miranda Lambert** (Dey Street) *Last week: —*

**3. "Letters to Trump" by Donald J. Trump** (Winning Team) *Last week: —*

**4. "Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity" by Peter Attia and Bill Gifford** (Harmony) *Last week: 5*

**5. "The Light We Carry" by Michelle Obama** (Crown) *Last week: 18*

**6. "Comedy Bang! Bang! the Podcast: The Book" by Scott Aukerman** (Abrams) *Last week: —*

**7. "Soul Boom: Why We Need a Spiritual Revolution" by Rainn Wilson** (Hachette Go) *Last week: —*

**8. "Collecting Confidence: Start Where You Are to Become the Person You Were Meant to Be" by Kim Gravel** (Thomas Nelson) *Last week: —*

**9. "Israel: Beauty, Light, and Luxury" by Tara-Leigh Cobble** (Bethany House) *Last week: —*

**10. "You Can't Joke About That: Why Everything Is Funny, Nothing Is Sacred, and We're All in This Together" by Kat Timpf** (Broadside) *Last week: 1*

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*— Publishers Weekly*

# ASK AMY

**By Amy Dickinson**

*askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy*

## Interlopers crashing visits to family, friends

**Dear Amy:** Like a lot of people these days, my adult children and many of my friends are spread out all over the country. I try to stay in touch with them by making short trips to visit them. These trips are usually four or five days (two days of which are travel days) and include the expenses of airfare, accommodations, entertainment, pet sitting, etc.

I have a close friend I have met in various locations for vacations, and the last three times, she has brought a friend or family member along (at her expense) without telling me in advance.

Her one friend was a very high-maintenance stranger (to me) who now shows up on all of my photos from our vacation to Yosemite. Her presence totally affected the dynamic. Another time, she invited her adult son, again without telling me.

My kids also do this, inviting other family members or friends over during my visits.

I appreciate the desire to be one big happy group, but I would like to just have some alone time with them. It would be great if they would have enough consideration to at least ask if I would mind. Going forward before booking, I am supposed to ask, "Who else is going to be there?"

*— Crowded Out*

**Dear Crowded:** You should definitely express your concern to the friend who invites others along on your shared vacations without running her plans past you first. When you've budgeted the time and money for a specific vacation with a specific person, learning after the fact that you will be sharing your time with others is not at all fair to you.

When it comes to your visits with your children, they might believe that you would welcome having mini-reunions with other family members or local friends when you're visiting their homes. This instinct is generous and inclusive. If you want more alone time with them and their immediate families during your visits, absolutely let them know.

**Dear Amy:** Given that wedding season is coming up, I thought I would offer a tip that might help wedding guests, as well as the marrying couple.

I have always said that if you are taking a gift that has even the smallest of possibilities of landing on a "group gift table," always, always include a card inside the gift.

After a wedding in our family, I cannot tell you how many gifts were found on the table "after" the event that had no cards as they had become unattached and were just set in a pile. For those gifts that had no cards attached, we sent a generic card thanking the person for attending our joyous event and explained that many cards had become detached.

We asked our guests to contact us so we could make sure their gift was properly acknowledged. Obviously, if they had not sent a gift, they would not be contacting us.

We ended up eventually matching all of the gifts to the guests who had given them, but it would have been so much easier if the cards had been placed inside the gift.

*— Grateful*

**Dear Grateful:** This is great advice. Thank you.

**Dear Amy:** As the manager of a food pantry, I have a message to all the well-intentioned individuals planning on a food drive to support the local food pantry: Before your organization starts a food drive, please contact the pantry and speak with the manager or check their website for a list of most-needed items.

In my experience, much of the product donated at these food drives are a result of people emptying their pantries of items that are expired, oddball purchases or even half used. Often, less than half the donated items find it onto our shelves. We do try our best to find a home for the other half — bring it to another pantry whose clients can and will use it, or we regretfully need to throw it out.

I know it feels good to have collected enough product to fill multiple cars, drop it off, take pictures and then repeat. However, consider the recipients and their hard-working volunteers. We are grateful for the good intentions, but wish people took more care with their donations.

*— A Food Pantry Manager*

**Dear Manager:** Thank you for the work you do and for this very helpful advice.

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MUSIC REVIEWS

# Oladokun travels label-defying path

Joy Oladokun draws on a range of influences, but trying to pin her down with labels is mostly a waste of time. Better simply to acknowledge her as one of the most appealing artists working in the music scene these days.

Oladokun, a Black lesbian singer-songwriter who lives in East Nashville, Tennessee, and has been embraced by the Americana world, delivers her warmest and most cohesive work to date on "Proof of Life," a 13-song album that creates an aura of positivity and sustains it. She isn't naive — she drops occasional hints that hers hasn't been an easy ride — but she's here to lead you on a journey of encouragement that feels like a manifesto for living through post-pandemic times.

"Proof of Life" features unexpected collaborations that only enhance its label-defying vibe. Chris Stapleton joins her for "Sweet Symphony," a pleasant if not wildly original match. Rapper Maxo Kream offers lines to "Revolution" that add electricity without disturbing a gentle groove. Oladokun, she explains against yet another pulsating backbeat, is the revolution.

Oladokun delves more deeply into identity in both "Taking Things for Granted" and "Pride," but doesn't leave you with the sense that she is troubled by her journey. The message, delivered comfortably, seems clear enough: Why should she be?

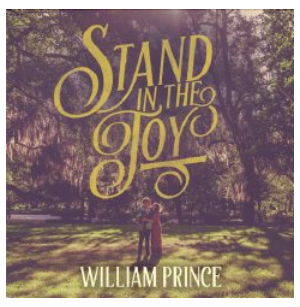
In fact, "Proof of Life" might be most noteworthy for its deep sense of comfort in her own skin, coupled with the unmistakable signs that Oladokun has found her way as an artist. She isn't trying on styles as much. She's figured out that she doesn't sound like anyone else, and she's good with it.

That aura might be summed up best on "Somehow," the album's final cut, which starts with a somber piano riff, then ascends to a soaring, "Hey Jude"-style crescendo.

"Somehow, things just get better," she sings. "Somehow. Somehow."

It's a hard-won message for our times — and a fitting end to an album that might need its own category. — *Scott Stroud, Associated Press*

**'PROOF OF LIFE'**
Joy Oladokun (Amigo/Verve Forecast/Republic)




**'STAND IN THE JOY'**
William Prince (Six Shooter Records)

**'UNFORGIVEN'**
Le Sserafim (Source Music)

**Career momentum is building for singer-songwriter William Prince**, a Canadian fluent in Americana. He has gone from performing in Manitoba coffee shops to making his debut in February at the Grand Ole Opry. Now comes a fine new album, "Stand in the Joy," which showcases his noble baritone and balladry.

Built like a logger, Prince has a disarmingly warm, gentle delivery so commanding he need not raise his voice and rarely does. He and ace producer Dave Cobb keep tempos modest and accompaniment uncluttered, with acoustic guitar the instrumental anchor.

Prince, raised on a Peguis First Nation reservation, draws on his roots for material. He sings about the rumbling reaper, fending off heartbreak with drinks and a six-string, and loneliness that "tears you apart and then some." There are also tunes contemplating new love, the rewards of compromise, and simple goodness. — *Steven Wine, Associated Press*

**K-pop girl group Le Sserafim's first studio album** "Unforgiven" is a mish-mash of earworms, headbangers and body shakers mixing English, Korean and Japanese. That is to say, an absolute firecracker of a record that kicks the door off the hinges and into some sort of psychedelic dance trip.

Guitarist Nile Rodgers lends a funky guitar riff to the spine-tingly sound of title track "Unforgiven," a bold anthem of female empowerment; "Unforgiven, I'm the villain," the group's members intone, kind of like the rest of the album. They poke, they challenge, they dare girls to move in their own direction, make their own choices, break those taboos.

Out of the album's 13 tracks, only seven are brand new — last year's singles, bass house "Antifragile" and smooth R&B "Impurities," have proven their mettle with a fresh sound.

"Fearless" and "Blue Flame" (both the 2023 version) strong-arm you into having a good time, while "Burn the Bridge" enraptures with its anthemy, soundtrack vibe. If they're the villain, they're forgiven for the fun ride. — *Cristina Jaleru, Associated Press*

# What to watch

## SATURDAY

May 6, 2023

*All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.*

### Coronation of King Charles III

**NBC, 4 a.m. Live**

Today marks only the second telecast of a coronation. Queen Elizabeth II's 1953 coronation was groundbreaking, as it was the first ever to be televised, and it was watched by 27 million people in the U.K. alone and millions more around the world. At the time, Prince Charles was the first child to witness his mother's coronation as sovereign, as Princess Anne did not attend the ceremony, as she was considered too young. Today, King Charles III returns to a familiar ceremony; however, this time the attention is all on him.

### Problem Spaces

**Magnolia Network, 1 p.m.; also streams on discovery+** ■ New Series

This series follows Houston-based DIY designer Fariha Nasir as she takes difficult spaces — odd-angled walls, outdated designs and areas that just aren't working — and turns them into her clients' favorite rooms. The series kicks off with back-to-back half-hour episodes.

'Coronation of King Charles III'

CHRIS JACKSON

### Horse Racing: Kentucky Derby

**NBC, 1:30 p.m. Live**

Look for Two Phil's, Derma Sotogake, Angel of Empire and Forte to be among the top contenders in the starting gate at the 149th Run for the Roses today at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky.

### Handcrafted Hotels

**Magnolia Network, 2 p.m.** ■ New Series

In each episode of this series, see how hoteliers across America uniquely capture the character, history, nostalgia and charm of their hometowns. Tour these custom stays, and meet the artists, craftspeople and designers who provide guests with a one-of-a-kind experience. The series begins with back-to-back half-hour episodes.

### Into the Wild Frontier

**INSP, 5 p.m.** ■ Season Premiere

This docudrama that chronicles key personalities in exploring and developing America's frontier areas returns for Season 3. In the premiere episode, after Anne Bailey's husband is killed by Native Americans, she defies the social norms of the frontier and becomes a horseback courier, risking her life to race through hostile territory delivering vital supplies to isolated forts and settlements.

### Chasing the Rains

**BBC America, 7 p.m.** ■ Series Finale

The series following wildlife in northern Kenya, where plants and wildlife endure long periods of drought broken by dramatic rainfalls, concludes with "Praying for Rain."

### Abducted on Prom Night

**Lifetime, 7 p.m.** ■ Original Film

Against her better judgment, a recently divorced mother allows her troubled daughter to attend prom, but what was supposed to be the best night of their lives turns into a twisted game of cat-and-mouse as the daughter and her friends are taken hostage by their limousine driver, who has a sinister connection to her family. Stars Zoe Belkin, Karen Cliche, Melissa Bray, Micah Sanders Silva and Scott Gibson.

### Saturday Night Live

**NBC, 10:30 p.m. Live; also livestreams on Peacock**

Former SNL cast member Pete Davidson, who departed the show last year, returns for his first time as host. Davidson currently stars in Peacock's new series Bupkis, which premiered on the streamer Thursday. He is joined by rapper Lil Uzi Vert, making his SNL debut as musical guest.

## MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Independence Day: Resurgence'

CLAUDETTE BARIUS

**Beverly Hills Cop II** (1987, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold **AMC, 5 p.m.**

**Central Intelligence** (2016, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart **BET, 7 p.m.**

**Hoosiers** (1986, Drama) Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey **TCM, 7 p.m.**

**Independence Day: Resurgence** (2016, Science Fiction) Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman **SYFY, 7 p.m.**

**Sex and the City 2** (2010, Romance-comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall **Bravo, 7 p.m.**

**Spider-Man: Homecoming** (2017, Action) Tom Holland, Michael Keaton **FX, 7 p.m.**

**The Taking of Pelham 123** (2009, Action) Denzel Washington, John Travolta **VH1, 8 p.m.**

**School of Rock** (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack **CMT, 9 p.m.**

**Caddyshack** (1980, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Rodney Dangerfield **AMC, 9:30 p.m.**

**Ford v Ferrari** (2019, Historical drama) Matt Damon, Christian Bale **Freeform, 9:30 p.m.**

**Transformers: The Last Knight** (2017, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Anthony Hopkins **SYFY, 9:30 p.m.**

*From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com*

## CATCH A CLASSIC

### Grand Prix (1966)

**MOVIES!, 7 p.m.**

John Frankenheimer directed this epic 1966 sports drama that is one of the greatest auto-racing films ever made. Set in the world of Formula One, it follows the fates of four drivers over the course of a fictionalized season that concludes at the Italian Grand Prix. The technical achievements used to bring this world to life make the film a truly immersive experience, and it is as thrilling to listen to as it is to look at (it won Oscars for Best Sound, Best Film Editing and Best Sound Editing). Befitting the worldwide participation and appeal of its featured sport, it also boasts a terrific international cast, including James Garner, Yves Montand, Brian Bedford, Antonio Sabato, Toshiro Mifune, Adolfo Celi, Claude Dauphin and Eva Marie Saint.

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# Watching close-up of his life in documentary 'painful' for Isbell

**By John Wenzel**
The Denver Post

Jason Isbell arrives March 23 at the LA premiere of "Jason Isbell: Running With Our Eyes Closed." KEVIN WINTER/GETTY

Jason Isbell's voice can be a strapping, mournful thing, muscular and dripping with vulnerability as he chronicles his life in song. And on this day, it's still waking up.

"This time of year, I drink my black coffee cold, so I can get it down quicker," the singer-songwriter, 44, said over the phone from his Nashville, Tennessee, porch last week. "I've spent so many years working late at night that it makes it hard for me to get on with normal life. It's tough, you know? But I think it's tough no matter how you do it."

Isbell's family and music career test his resolve while giving him motivation to stay sober and productive. He has won a quartet of Grammys since 2018 — about a decade after getting kicked out of his former alt-country band, Drive-By Truckers, for drinking and drug use — and would seem to have nothing to prove in the music industry — at least from the outside.

In the HBO Max documentary "Music Box: Jason Isbell — Running with Our Eyes Closed," now streaming, we're afforded a close-up on his life as he records the album "Reunions" with his band, the 400 Unit. His intimate musical and romantic partnership with wife Amanda Shires (herself an acclaimed solo artist), his love of daughter Mercy Rose, his past divorce and the shock of the pandemic are all there in vivid cross-section.

"If you're a recording artist or entertainer with any kind of success, you don't want to spend too much time looking back," said Isbell, who was born in Green Hill, Alabama, to a 17-year-old mother. "It's a self-centered way of living. But one thing I was surprised by watching the (documentary) is that I'd forgotten how hard those old days were, growing up where I did and having addiction issues. It was nice to see but painful to watch, that all of this was real and really happened to me, even if it's long in the rearview."

Isbell is on the road with the 400 Unit, touring in support of their new album "Weathervanes," to be released June 9. Isbell's melodies channel Americana, folk, country, rock and blues. His lyrics are cutting and urgent and full of visceral metaphors. On "Death Wish," he sings: "I wanted action, she wanted answers/ Sunrise with the dealers and the dancers/ It takes a whole lot of medicine to feel like a little kid."

It's not all grit, but Isbell works hard on every single song, he said. In the documentary, he can't get away from songwriting, but that's not always the case. Isbell will appear in Martin Scorsese's upcoming movie "Killers of the Flower Moon," which stars Robert DeNiro, Leonardo DiCaprio and Jesse Plemons, among others.

He was cast alongside musicians White and Sturgill Simpson in the Oklahoma-based crime drama. And he won't play music in it.

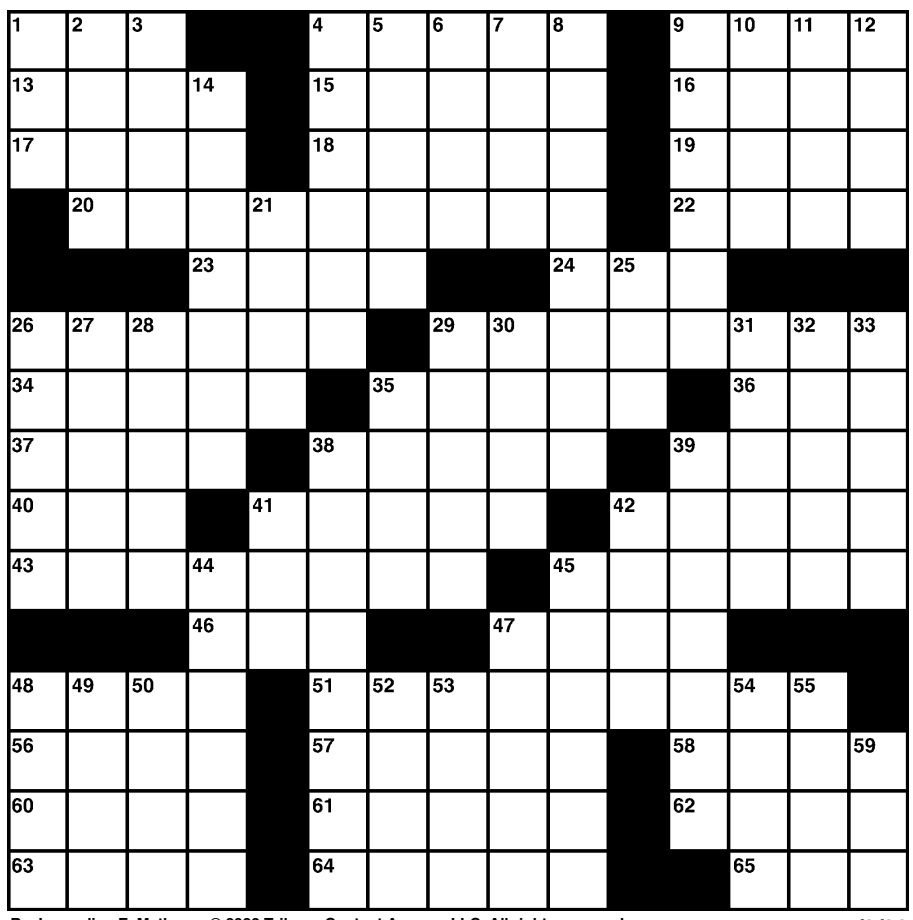
"Everybody around me had an Oscar, or more, and I was just kind of asking them, 'What do I do here?'" Isbell said of the filming experience. "Luckily, they were kind enough and invested enough in the project that they didn't just say, 'Leave me the (heck) alone!' ... It was really hard. It took everything — all my ability as a creative thinker and also a large dose of letting go of any kind of self-awareness or self-consciousness. But I appreciated the opportunity to do it, just because it wasn't easy. In your 40s, how often do you get to be terrified?"

Prior to production, Isbell asked Lyle Lovett for acting advice. Lovett shared some wisdom that director Robert Altman gave him on the set of 1992's "The Player," which was the first of what would become four collaborations with Altman.

"'Don't act; just go out there and be,'" Isbell said. "He said it was the best advice anyone's ever given him."

Whether or not Isbell's Hollywood career takes off, he won something in the experience: During production downtime in his trailer, he wrote a bunch of new songs.

## Crossword



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**ACROSS**

1 Half a couple: abbr.
4 Squirrel snack
9 Cowboy's shoe
13 Dull routines
15 Shakespearean lover
16 Mayberry resident
17 Be abundant
18 1960s dance
19 Inge's "Bus __"
20 Popular pasta
22 Boil or blister
23 Whiskey __; mixed drink
24 Service charge
26 David Muir or Lester Holt
29 Portrait
34 Feeling ho-hum
35 Sulked
36 Malibu or Mustang
37 Floored
38 Submitted a tax return
39 "__ Las Vegas"; Elvis film
40 Spotted
41 Psalm chanters
42 Singer Jackson
43 Frenzied state
45 Word-finding table game
46 Pamplona shout
47 Pinot __; red wine
48 Piece of furniture
51 Row of pillars
56 Feels lousy
57 Go nowhere near
58 Trail mix nuggets
60 __ as a pancake
61 In a __; rather
62 PC repairer
63 Catch sight of
64 Cornered
65 "…Hallowed be __ name…"

**DOWN**

1 Actor on "The A-Team"
2 Is remorseful about
3 Staircase piece
4 19th-century U.S. president
5 Crouch in fear
6 Fail to mention
7 Nap
8 Informed
9 __ hound; short-legged dog
10 Not deceived by
11 Nose's detection
12 Variety; sort
14 Crushed
21 Word of approval
25 Dead __; cul-de-sac
26 Humiliate
27 Adamant refusal
28 Groups of boatmen
29 Bohemian dance
30 Gibbons & chimps
31 Cake coating
32 Everybody's button
33 Pizza recipe verb
35 Skimpy skirt
38 Weather prediction
39 Hobo
41 Singer Tillis
42 Become a member of
44 Comfortably warm
45 Became close friends
47 Din
48 Bank vault
49 Sprays WD-40 on
50 Book jacket part
52 More than
53 "The __ Star State"
54 Song for two
55 Make an engraving
59 Introverted

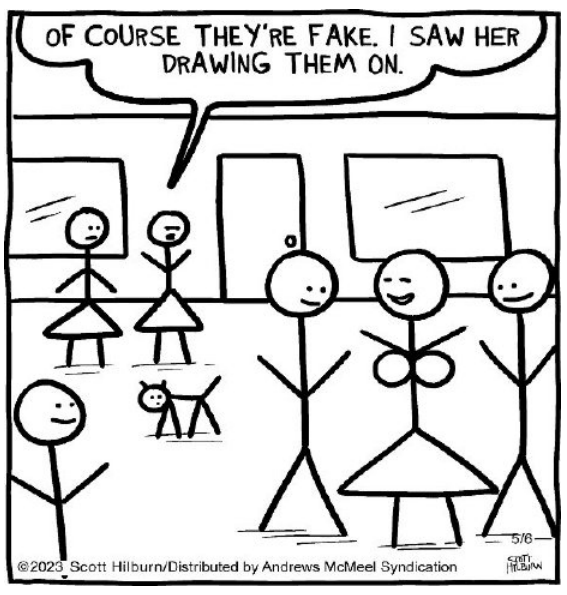
### Solutions

## Horoscopes

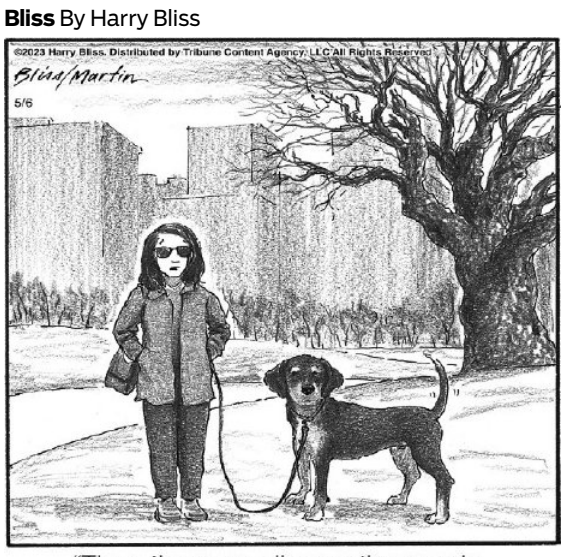
**Today's birthday** (May 6): You're especially creative and productive this year. Collaborate for powerful teamwork to generate the results you want. A peaceful springtime fosters productive planning and coordination. Adjusting around summertime collaborative challenges motivates surging autumn health and vitality.
**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Study and research the situation. An exploration could take a twist. Postpone advancement. Avoid risky travel conditions.
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Revise budgets for unforeseen expenses. Maintain a philosophical attitude about money. Plan, coordinate and build together. Hunt for hidden efficiencies and find them.
**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Have extra patience with your partner. Consider consequences before reacting blindly. You don't have the full picture. Discuss possibilities and discover valuable solutions.
**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Prioritize your work, health and energy despite unreliable conditions. Heed recommendations and warnings. Play by the rules.
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Enjoy time with friends, even from a distance. Distractions or breakdowns could disrupt the fun. Stay flexible. Provide loving stability.
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Home improvement has your attention. Fix something before it breaks. Adjust to unexpected domestic conditions. Extra patience pays with family.
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Keep your attitude positive despite obstacles. With a roadblock, investigate clues. Avoid controversy or irritations. Patiently wait to proceed. Connect the puzzle pieces.
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Have faith in your capabilities to make a financial goal. Mind the gap. If something sounds too good to be true, maybe it is.
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Anticipate resistance with a personal matter. Despite misgivings, you're on to something. You're a diamond in the rough. Use your power for good.
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Process emotions and feelings with comforting rituals. Visualize perfection and make plans. Avoid risk, controversy or noise. Consider the big picture.
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Social plans could get complicated. Keep objectives in mind. Coordinate with your team to navigate a challenge. Patience comes in handy.
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Take care of business despite delays. Look for professional opportunities hiding under the wings of change. Discover unexpected or unorthodox solutions. Persistence pays.

*— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency*

**The Argyle Sweater** By Scott Hilburn




**Bliss** By Harry Bliss




"Theo, those are aliens eating people. Now come on, let's go."

## Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

**North**
♠ K Q
♥ K Q 10 5 3
♦ Q 7 4 2
♣ 7 5

**West**
♠ 10 6 3 2
♥ 2
♦ A J 9 8
♣ Q J 10 6

**East**
♠ A J 9 8
♥ 9 8 6
♦ 10
♣ 9 8 4 3 2

**South**
♠ 7 5 4
♥ A J 7 4
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ A K

South won the opening club lead with his ace and drew trumps in three rounds, ending in his hand. He led a spade to dummy's king and East's ace, and won the club continuation with his king. He led a spade to dummy's queen and then a diamond to his king and West's ace. West continued with the jack of diamonds and South could not avoid the loss of two more tricks for down one. South was certainly unlucky, but could he have done better?

**The bidding:**

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1NT | Pass | 2♦* | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♥ | All pass | | |

***Transfer to hearts**

**Opening lead: Queen of ♣**

Yes! He should have seen when the dummy went down that his contract was cold if the diamonds split 3-2. The only danger was a 4-1 diamond split and he should have started thinking about that right away. South should have won the club opening lead and led a spade to the king before touching trumps. A diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff wouldn't hurt him provided he didn't play a diamond honor from either hand. East would win and return, say a club, although nothing else would be better. South could win and draw trumps in three rounds ending in hand, cashing the queen of spades along the way. He could ruff a spade and play a low diamond from both hands. The opponent winning the trick would have to lead another diamond or yield a ruff-sluff. The contract would be cold on any split of the diamond suit.

*— Bob Jones*
*Tribune Content Agency*

**Grand Avenue** By Mike Thompson

I'VE GOT THE SMARTS AND PERSONALITY TO BE RICH.
I'VE GOT THE TALENT, TOUGHNESS AND AMBITION TO BE RICH.
BUT YOU'RE LACKING JUST ONE THING.
THE MONEY.
OH, YEAH, THAT.
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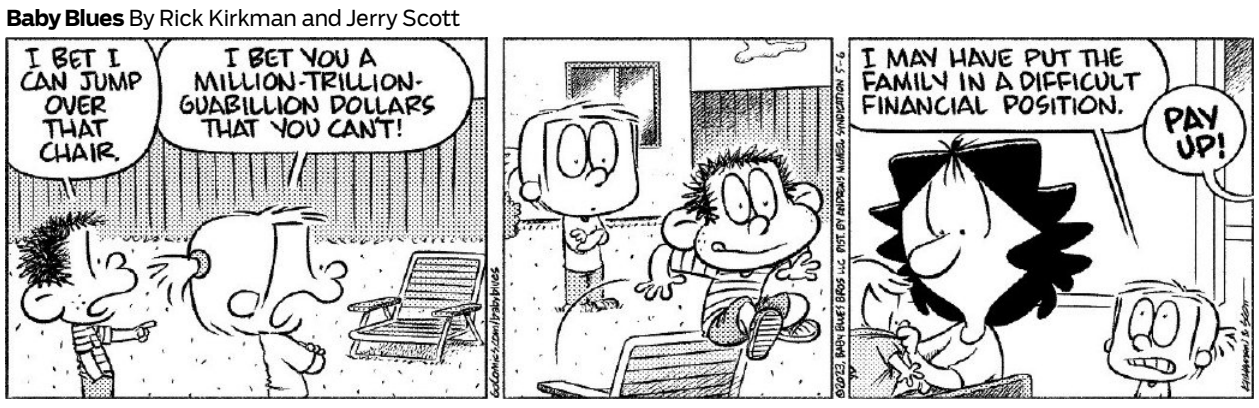
I BET I CAN JUMP OVER THAT CHAIR.
I BET YOU A MILLION-TRILLION-GUABILLION DOLLARS THAT YOU CAN'T!
I MAY HAVE PUT THE FAMILY IN A DIFFICULT FINANCIAL POSITION.
PAY UP!
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING UNDER THERE, DAD?
FIXING A LEAK.
HAND ME THE THREE-EIGHTHS.
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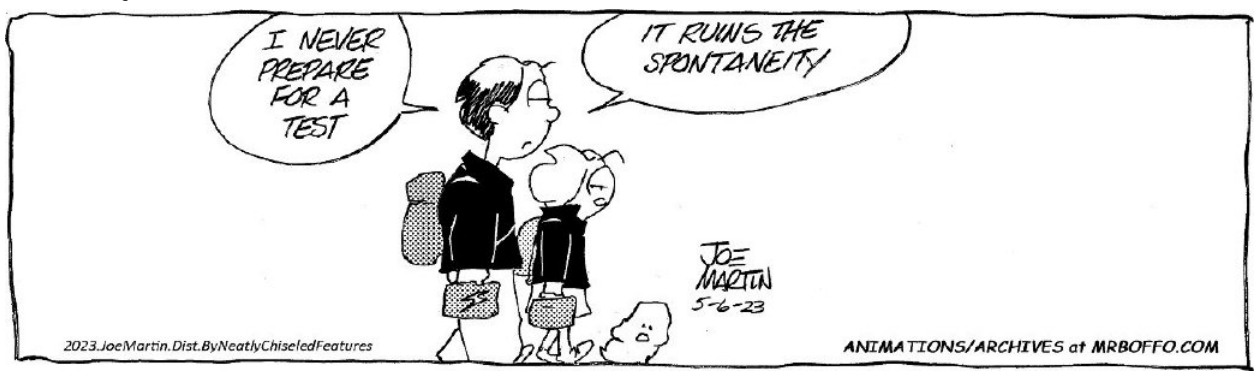


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SURE, IT'S KIND OF SIMPLISTIC.
AND REALLY REPETITIVE.
BUT IT'S SO PRETTY.
IT DESERVED BETTER, I GUESS I'M SAYING.
PACHELBEL'S "CANON D" REFERS TO THE KEY, NOT PACHELBEL'S GRADE.
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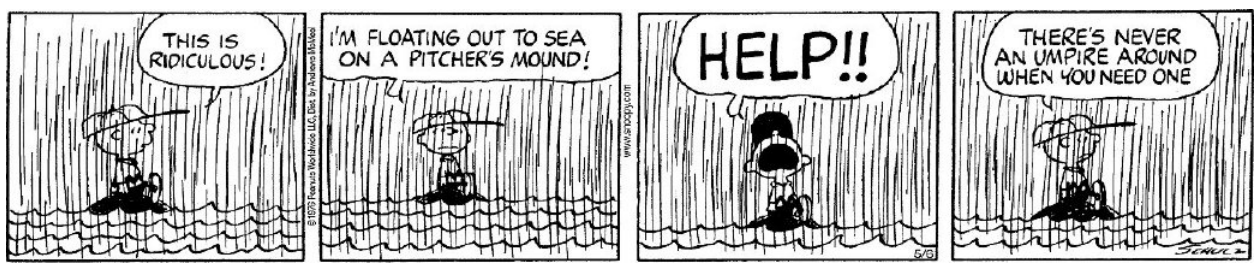
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
I'M FLOATING OUT TO SEA ON A PITCHER'S MOUND!
HELP!!
THERE'S NEVER AN UMPIRE AROUND WHEN YOU NEED ONE
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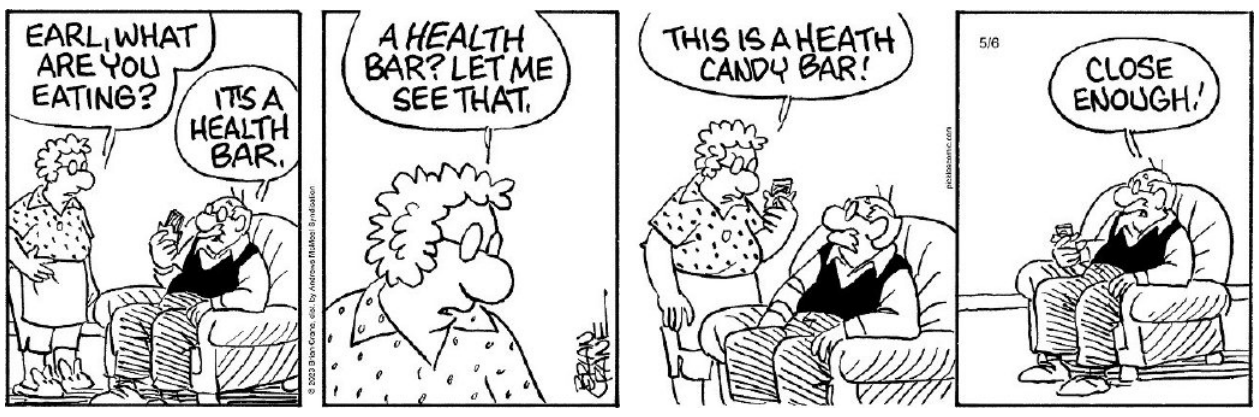
EARL, WHAT ARE YOU EATING?
IT'S A HEALTH BAR.
A HEALTH BAR? LET ME SEE THAT.
THIS IS A HEATH CANDY BAR!
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CLOSE ENOUGH.
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THE FIRE ALARM! AN ACCIDENT OR FOR REAL?
GO ON, GRANDPA. I'LL CLOSE UP.
LET ME HELP YOU WITH THAT...
YOU AGAIN? AWW... GIMME A BREAK!
WADDINGTON'S ANTIQUE AMUSEMENTS
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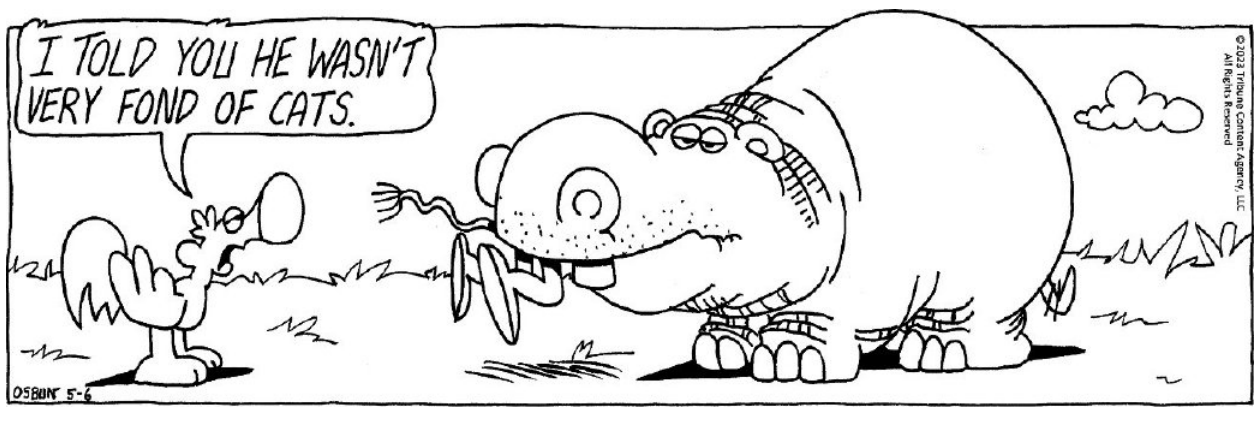


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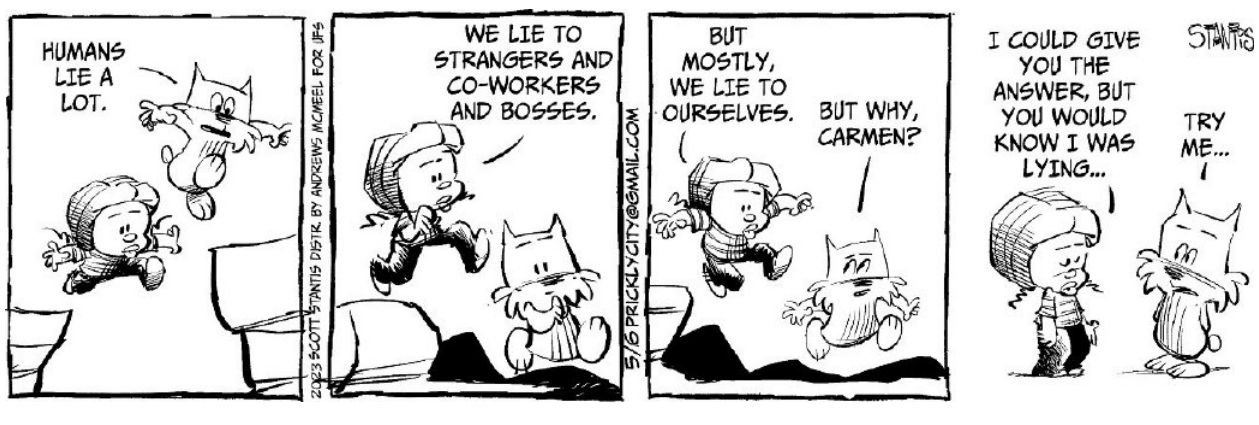
HUMANS LIE A LOT.
WE LIE TO STRANGERS AND CO-WORKERS AND BOSSES.
BUT MOSTLY, WE LIE TO OURSELVES.
BUT WHY, CARMEN?
I COULD GIVE YOU THE ANSWER, BUT YOU WOULD KNOW I WAS LYING...
TRY ME...
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...THEY'RE SO SMALL PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN SEE THEM.
ACTUALLY, I LIKE THE ONES EVERYONE CAN SEE SO NO ONE TALKS TO ME AT THE GYM.
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**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston

I WENT TO SEE GORDON, JOHN. HE SEEMS TO BE SETTLING INTO HIS APARTMENT.—I TOOK HIM A FEW THINGS.
OH, BUT HE'S SO YOUNG!!
HE'S 19, EL—JUST A YEAR OLDER THAN MICHAEL.—WE HAVE TO START THINKING OF THESE BOYS AS— ADULTS NOW. WE HAVE TO START THINKING OF MICHAEL AS A MAN!
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TO TUCK HIM IN.
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LYNN

**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall

I'M THINKING ABOUT TAKING A "DIGITAL DETOX," DAD
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S TAKING A BREAK FROM DIGITAL DEVICES TO LOWER THE STRESS OF IT ALL
HONEY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DO THE BILLS ON THE COMPUTER THIS AFTERNOON
EVER HEAR OF A "DIGITAL DETOX"?
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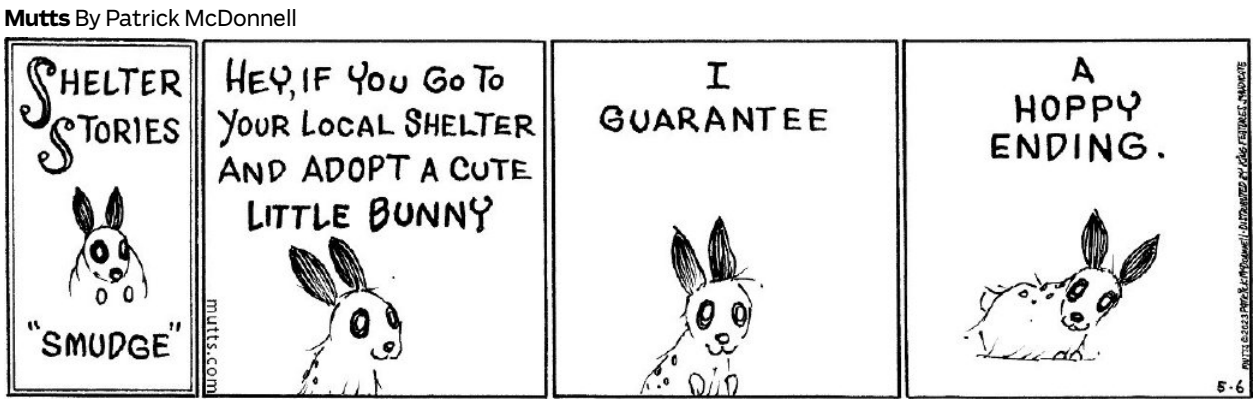


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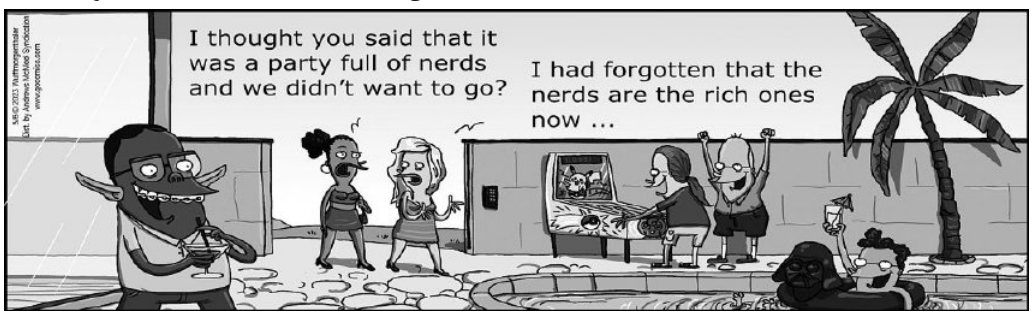
I thought you said that it was a party full of nerds and we didn't want to go?
I had forgotten that the nerds are the rich ones now ...
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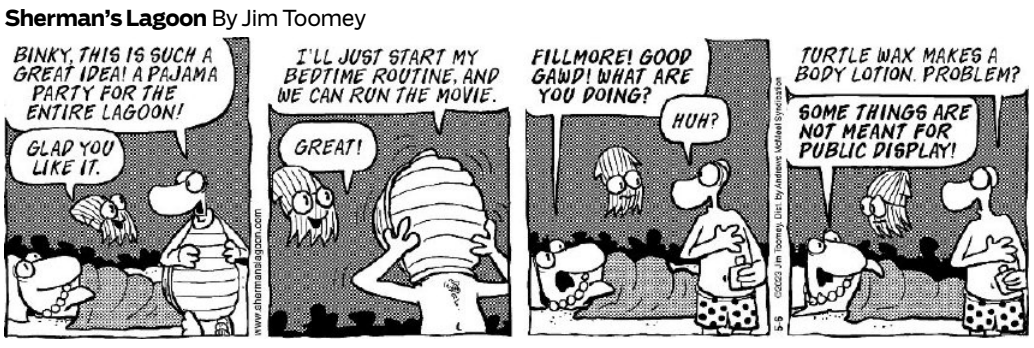
BINKY, THIS IS SUCH A GREAT IDEA! A PAJAMA PARTY FOR THE ENTIRE LAGOON!
GLAD YOU LIKE IT.
I'LL JUST START MY BEDTIME ROUTINE, AND WE CAN RUN THE MOVIE.
GREAT!
FILLMORE! GOOD GAWD! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HUH?
TURTLE WAX MAKES A BODY LOTION. PROBLEM?
SOME THINGS ARE NOT MEANT FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY!
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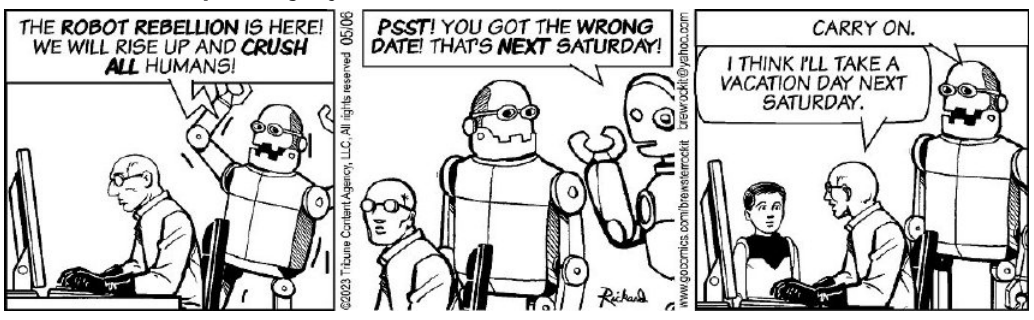
THE ROBOT REBELLION IS HERE! WE WILL RISE UP AND CRUSH ALL HUMANS!
PSST! YOU GOT THE WRONG DATE! THAT'S NEXT SATURDAY!
CARRY ON.
I THINK I'LL TAKE A VACATION DAY NEXT SATURDAY.
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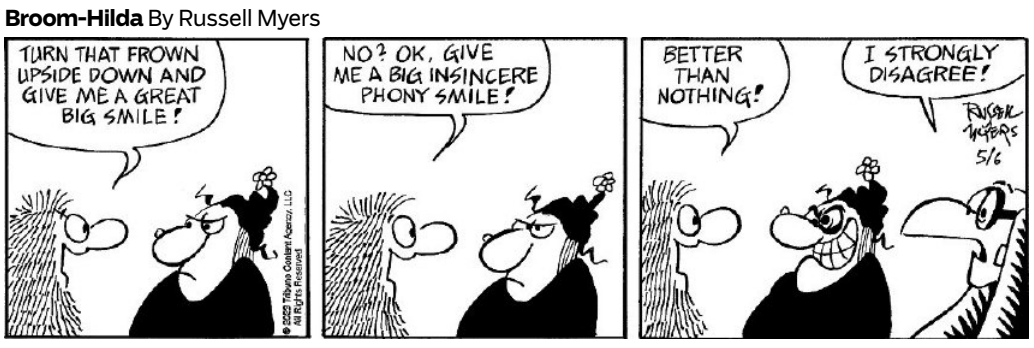
TURN THAT FROWN UPSIDE DOWN AND GIVE ME A GREAT BIG SMILE!
NO? OK, GIVE ME A BIG INSINCERE PHONY SMILE!
BETTER THAN NOTHING!
I STRONGLY DISAGREE!
RUSSELL MYERS
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## Trivia Bits

**Also known as Fush-igidane, which Pokemon is No. 001 in the Pokedex?**

A) Bulbasaur
B) Charmander
C) Jigglypuff
D) Squirtle

Friday's answer: Benny Anders-son and Bjorn Ulvaeus of ABBA com-posed the score for the 1980s musical "Chess."

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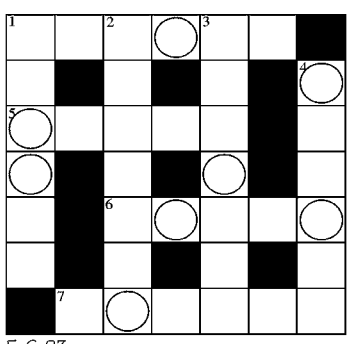
## Jumble Crossword



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**ACROSS**

| CLUE | ANSWER |
|---|---|
| 1. Forgiveness | ONDPRA |
| 5. Snort, groan | RGTUN |
| 6. Be subjected to | CNURI |
| 7. Fan out, arrange | POELYD |

**DOWN**

| CLUE | ANSWER |
|---|---|
| 1. Dove relative | NEPIGO |
| 2. Get together again | NIEUETR |
| 3. ____ illusion | ICLTOPA |
| 4. Durable | RYUTSD |

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

**CLUE:** Architect

**CLUE:** Revamp

**CLUE:** Acquiescent

**TRIPLE BONUS**

The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

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ANSWERS: 1A-Fanon 5A-Grunt 6A-Incur 7A-Deploy 1D-Pigeon 2D-Reunite 3D-Optical 4D-Study B-Designer B-Redesign B-Resigned

By David L. Hoyt.

## Sudoku 1234

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| 5 | | | | | | 1 | | 4 |
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| | 8 | | | 3 | | | | |
| | | 4 | | | | | | 2 |

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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**Friday's solutions**

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## Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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MUPEL

NUMIEM

TRGETU


Working together will get these out of our path quickly.
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WHEN THE ELEPHANTS WORKED TOGETHER TO MOVE THE DOWNED TREES, THEY WERE ---
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**Answer here**

" ____ - ____ "

**Friday's answers**

Jumbles: ALPHA HEFTY ROTARY STREWN
Answer: When the alien ship landed in the middle of town, people there said — WHAT ON EARTH?

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## Crossword

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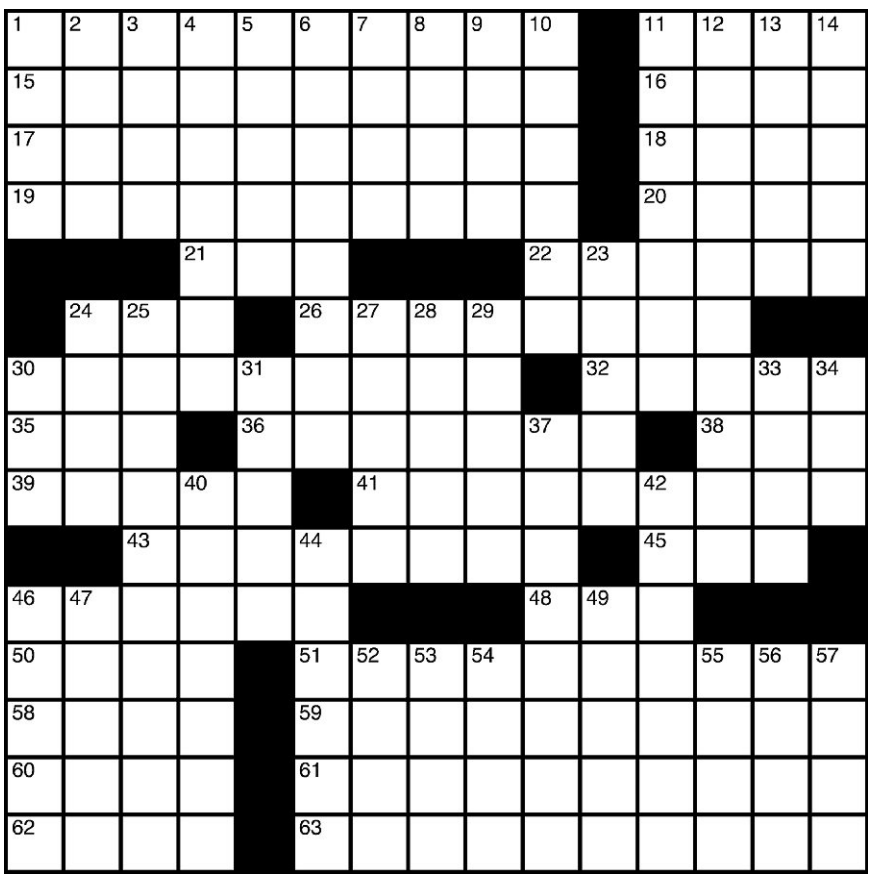

### Across

1 Light touch from a decorator
11 Zabaglione base
15 "That's what my intuition was telling me"
16 Wolfe of "Black Orchids"
17 Game-changing
18 Old autocrat
19 Floating junk
20 Cutest of the litter, maybe
21 Noise
22 Secretive group?
24 Jazz drummer Blakey
26 City on the James River
30 Boxer's mouth piece?
32 Gender option on some surveys
35 One committed to an orderly society?
36 Of no help
38 French summer
39 Race-ready, in a way
41 Classical piece that's the basis of the 1965 hit "A Lover's Concerto"
43 Biometric reading
45 GPS prediction
46 Last stop before leaving for vacation, perhaps
48 Racket of lamb
50 Fad
51 Doug Wright's "I Am My Own Wife," e.g.
58 Some fluffy slippers
59 Dolphin kin
60 Source of smoky notes in whiskey
61 Uplifting historical figure?
62 Cornstarch brand
63 Mythological swimmer

### Down

1 Targets
2 Veal cut
3 Veronese's "The Wedding Feast at ___"
4 Train conductors, say
5 Tagged
6 All available options
7 ___ Bar: nutritional snack
8 Myrmecologist's study
9 Exam for future residents: Abbr.
10 Physiological humor believed to cause sluggishness
11 Competitor
12 Response during allergy season
13 Majestic
14 Out of ___
23 Like some change
24 Cerulean kin
25 Calvin's increasingly outrageous snow art, in "Calvin and Hobbes," e.g.
27 Objects
28 Baby ailment
29 Pet for Harley Quinn
30 Ego Nwodim's show, for short
31 Journalist Cornish
33 Italian volcano
34 Rule, for short
37 Go for the bronze?
40 Miranda whose case inspired the Miranda warning
42 Place to pick up leaves
44 Pitches
46 Gene dubbed the "Founding Father of the Modern Drum Set" by Modern Drummer
47 Avid
49 Nobelist Sadat
52 African flower?
53 Kazan with an honorary Oscar
54 Flowerless plant
55 Spike Lee's "She ___ Me"
56 "Chocolat" actress
57 ___ Point

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**CUBS 4, MARLINS 1**

Matt Mervis drives in a run with a single during the sixth in the eighth inning against the Marlins on Friday at Wrigley Field. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

# Arriving at destination

## Shades of 2012: When it comes to hype, Mervis following in Rizzo's footsteps

**Paul Sullivan**
*In the Wake of the News*

Matt Mervis received a standing ovation Friday afternoon at Wrigley Field after striking out in his first major-league at-bat.

It was one of four big ovations the Chicago Cubs prospect received from the crowd of 31,181 while going 1-for-4 with an RBI single in his debut in a 4-1 win against the Miami Marlins.

"Wrigley does such a good job of the fans appreciating those moments," Ian Happ said of Mervis' debut. "Impressive. He comes out, a tough matchup (against) the starter (Edward Cabrera). For him to get punched out in that first at-bat and the fans still give him an ovation walking off, that's just cool. That kind of support here is what makes it a really special place."

It was the most anticipated debut by a Cubs prospect since Kris Bryant in 2015, though Mervis' call-up more closely resembled that of first baseman Anthony Rizzo 11 years ago.

Rizzo's Cubs debut on June 26, 2012, was one of the most hyped events in years and the unofficial start of President Theo Epstein's rebuild.

"I'm here to stay," Rizzo said before the game. "I'm just going to work hard every day, learn, get better, go through the ups and down of a baseball player,

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CUBS 5, METS 3

Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo legs out an RBI double in the fourth inning of Tuesday night's 5-3 victory over the Mets at Wrigley Field.

**Gee-Riz debut**

Bandwagon for 'savior' arrives long before prospect

Rizzo comes up with game-winning RBI in 1st game for Cubs

The second coming

## 'Where I expected myself': Mervis' journey highlights Cubs' renewed depth

**By Meghan Montemurro**
Chicago Tribune

Jeff and Ellen Mervis had just arrived at Baltimore-Washington International Airport on Thursday afternoon when the call came through.

Matt Mervis' parents were heading to Columbus, Ohio, where Triple-A Iowa was scheduled to play four games over the weekend when the Chicago Cubs promoted the 25-year-old first baseman.

"Change your flight, you've got a new destination," Mervis told them. "I don't think she believed me for a second."

Around 1 p.m. Thursday, Mervis heard from vice president of player development Jared Banner: "Are you ready to play in Chicago? Pack your stuff and get to the stadium, congratulations."

As the news washed over him, Mervis felt as if he had blacked out for a minute. He tried to think of the first people he wanted to share the news with, prompting the call to his mom.

"It was hard for me to hold back emotions," Mervis said. "My family has been really, really supportive throughout the whole process. There have been some lows — college was not easy for me the first couple of years, 2021 my first year was not easy. So their support has never wavered.

"(My mom's) been my go-to when things aren't going great, so she definitely deserved the first call and it was hard to hear her get emotional."

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**BEARS**

## Tillman teaches, rookies listen

### Veteran delivers motivational message: 'Run to criticism'

Offensive tackles Alex Leatherwood, from left,Darnell Wright and offensive linesman Lorenz Metz practice Friday. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

**By Dan Wiederer**
Chicago Tribune

For the second consecutive spring, Bears coach Matt Eberflus brought Charles Tillman to Halas Hall to offer an orientation address in advance of rookie minicamp. Tillman, whose 13-season NFL career began 20 years ago as a wide-eyed, unproven rookie defensive back, made a point to emphasize the survival skills needed in this cutthroat world.

Cornerback Tyrique Stevenson, whom the Bears traded up to select in Round 2 last week, grabbed a nugget from Tillman that packed a punch.

"Run to criticism," Stevenson said. "I definitely was enlightened by that because it gave me an opportunity to realize that criticism is there to help. Not everybody is going to love you. You're not put in the world for that. But I'm going to be the best me that I can and take the criticism and grow as a person and as a man."

Bears rookie Zacch Pickens, a third-round pick out of South Carolina, also kept his ears open and appreciated some of the insight Tillman imparted.

"Do not be afraid to take chances," Pickens said. "When there's an opportunity, take it. And

***Turn to Bears,*** *Page 3*

**WHITE SOX 5, REDS 4**

## Visiting Cincinnati big deal for Hamilton

### 'Where it all started': Veteran played for Reds from 2013 to '18

**By LaMond Pope**
Chicago Tribune

CINCINNATI — Billy Hamilton stood near third base before Friday's game against the Cincinnati Reds.

"Billy!" a fan yelled from the stands.

More cheers came while Hamilton took some swings during batting practice.

"Let's go, Billy!" another fan said.

He later tossed a couple of baseballs to kids.

The White Sox reserve outfielder enjoyed visiting where his career began.

I know we came back here in '21, but every time I come here it's the same feeling, it's great," Hamilton told the Tribune before the Sox beat the Reds 5-4 in the opener of a three-game series at Great American Ball Park

Hamilton, in his 11th season, played six seasons with the Reds (2013-18), hitting .245 with 277 stolen bases in 690 games.

Reflecting on his favorite moments with the Reds, the 32-year-old said, "All of them. This is where it all started."

He then thought back to his debut on Sept. 3, 2013, against the St. Louis Cardinals.

***Turn to White Sox,*** *Page 2*

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## White Sox

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"My first day, my first steal," he said.

Manager Dusty Baker told him to be prepared to enter if Ryan Ludwick got on base late in the game.

"I'm down in the tunnel a little nervous, hoping he'd hit a home run," Hamilton said. "I look up and he's on first. ... Here we go. And I end up getting a bag, that made it even better."

And he's been going every since. Hamilton entered Friday with 326 stolen bases.

Hamilton spent 2021 with the Sox. He returned to the organization this offseason, signing a minor-league deal. Hamilton hit .188 (11-for-48) with two doubles, one triple, two RBIs, 11 runs and three stolen bases in 17 games with Triple-A Charlotte before joining the Sox on Tuesday.

"No one wants to be in Triple A, but I couldn't just go down there and pout and not do what I had to do because I knew there's always going to be chances, that guys can get the chance to come back up and do things that need to be done," Hamilton told reporters earlier this week at Guaranteed Rate Field. "So I was excited just to get the call. I thought about going home for a little while, but I was like, 'Nah, I want to continue to play baseball and see what happens.' It worked out for me."

He wants to aid in any way, including continuing his positive role in the clubhouse.

"It always helps to have a good presence around the clubhouse," he said in the earlier interview. "When one person is down, everybody's down. So my job is to keep everybody above being down."

He largely has been used as a pinch runner and entering Friday had two stolen bases and two runs in his first three games. He was hitless in two at-bats, which both came late in Thursday's 7-3 loss to the Minnesota Twins in extra innings.

"I was with the guys in spring training the whole time and I knew my role then," Hamilton said. "It's going to be pretty much the same thing nowadays, come in the late innings and run, play defense and whatever they need me to do."

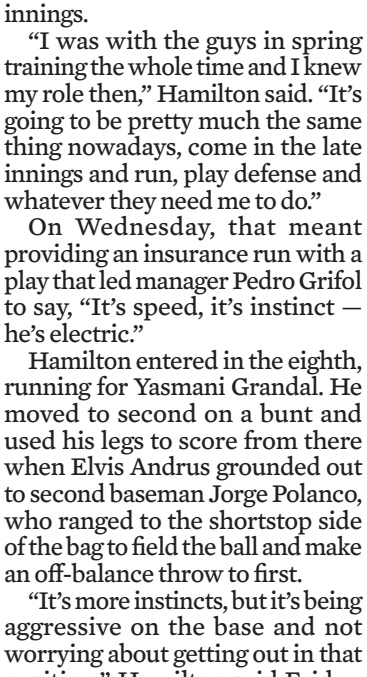
On Wednesday, that meant providing an insurance run with a play that led manager Pedro Grifol to say, "It's speed, it's instinct — he's electric."

Hamilton entered in the eighth, running for Yasmani Grandal. He moved to second on a bunt and used his legs to score from there when Elvis Andrus grounded out to second baseman Jorge Polanco, who ranged to the shortstop side of the bag to field the ball and make an off-balance throw to first.

"It's more instincts, but it's being aggressive on the base and not worrying about getting out in that position," Hamilton said Friday. "Even if I got thrown out, which I didn't, I'm glad I took that chance trying to attempt to make it.

"That's what I've been doing my whole career on the bases, not being afraid to fail and it helps me out a lot."

**Reliever Joe Kelly returns from the paternity list:** The Sox reinstated the reliever and optioned left-hander Sammy Peralta to Triple-A Charlotte before Friday's game. Kelly's wife, Ashley, gave birth to a son, Kai, on Monday.



Elvis Andrus smiles after hitting a three-run home run in the fifth inning Friday night against the Reds. **AARON DOSTER/AP**

The Cubs' Nico Hoerner, left, and Matt Mervis high-five after a double play to end the top of the eight inning Friday. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Cubs

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Mervis started at first base and batted seventh Friday against the Miami Marlins in his major-league debut. He received an ovation from Cubs fans on a picture-perfect day at Wrigley Field before striking out in his first at-bat.

He finished 1-for-4, earning his first hit and first RBI with a single to center in the eighth inning that scored Cody Bellinger in the Cubs' 4-1 victory in the opener of a six-game homestand. Mervis' 111.2-mph hit was the fifth hardest-hit ball of the season by a Cubs batter.

Mervis plans to give the baseball to his dad.

"They've been extremely supportive for 20 years of baseball, with travel and hotels and flights, coming down and visiting in college whether we're at home or on the road, making sure the last few years to come and see me," Mervis said. "It meant a lot that to me that they were able to be here and share that with me."

It's a remarkable journey for Mervis, who one year ago was playing at High-A South Bend, coming off a disappointing first professional season in which he hit .204 in 69 games at Low-A Myrtle Beach.

Even Mervis struggled to explain his meteoric rise through the Cubs' system.

"It's pretty crazy," Mervis said. "This is always where I've expected myself."

Cubs President Jed Hoyer and the rest of the front office felt the timing was right for the team and Mervis. The offense's recent skid aligned with Mervis putting together big-league at-bats with Iowa, demonstrating a good eye and smart swing decisions. His increased walk rate provided a good indicator.

"Ultimately there's no perfect answers to when a guy is ready," Hoyer said Friday. "Certainly you want a guy to control the strike zone. That was something we talked to him about in spring training, looking for pitches, doing damage on those pitches, and obviously that was certainly impressive.

"I also don't want to put too much pressure on him. Certainly it's a lever to pull to bring him up to play a lot. But at the same time we're not expecting to carry the lineup or do anything other than what he can do."

Manager David Ross confirmed Mervis will be in the lineup regularly.

The Cubs optioned Edwin Ríos to Iowa as the corresponding move. Mervis' arrival also forces veteran Eric Hosmer into a bench role. Ross had good conversations about the situation with Hosmer even before the last two days.

"He's here to win," Ross said. "He's here to support. He's here to help. He's a professional through and through."

The ability to have a talent like Mervis available to call up and potentially affect the lineup speaks to the Cubs' improved depth. This wasn't the type of move they could make the last three years. It changes how the Cubs can operate, especially early in the season, when a young player can provide some juice for a struggling offense. It's a great sign organizationally and an improvement from where the upper-level depth and prospects have stagnated the last few years.

"I love these moments, but my hope is that not soon after the next one, then people are clamoring for the next guy and I think that's when I know we're good as an organization when there's always a next guy," Hoyer said. "There has to be another guy in the minor leagues that's dominating, another guy that's ready in some ways. And if people always have another guy they're clamoring for, that means we're doing our job from a scouting and player development standpoint."

That next guy is Christopher Morel, who owns the best offensive numbers in minor-league baseball.

However, Hoyer and Ross preached the importance of Morel starting every day. Since the organization doesn't see that happening in the majors as the roster is currently constructed, the Cubs want Morel staying ready and locked in at Triple A.

Just as Mervis continued to put in the work as he waited for his big-league chance to arrive, Morel will get a shot at some point too.

"He's going to have a huge impact on his team," Hoyer said. "I do think he's benefiting from playing every day. And when there's a path to playing a lot, there's no question I'm hoping he'd be up here."

## Sullivan

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the nicks and bruises, and that's about it."

WGN-Ch. 9 hyped the arrival with a commercial promoting the broadcast. Newspapers added o the hysteria, including a Chicago Tribune graphic — with the headline of "The second coming" — comparing Rizzo's arrival on the North Side with Babe Ruth going from the Red Sox to the Yankees.

"Anthony Rizzo hit one home run in 49 games with the Padres. Babe Ruth had a .981 OPS and 2.19 ERA in five-plus seasons with the Red Sox. Still, the hype for Rizzo's first game on the North Side reached Ruthian levels. So we might as well start the comparisons. A look at the debuts of Ruth and Rizzo with their second teams."

The Tribune regrets the error.

Rizzo turned out to be a special player in Cubs history, but any resemblance to Ruth was purely coincidental.

The 22-year-old Rizzo went 2-for-4 with an RBI double in the Cubs' 5-3 win against the Mets and received a standing ovation before his first at-bat.

Ditto Mervis, who said after the game he was just trying "not to overthink it" and treat it like any other game.

"Obviously the biggest crowd I every played in front of, and for people to cheer for me like that was nothing I've experienced before," he said. "It was a lot of fun."

The Cubs shook off the lingering effects of a 1-6 trip and returned to .500 at 16-16. Happ hit a two-run home run and halted a potential fourth inning rally with a running catch with two men on. Justin Steele pitched seven strong innings, allowing one run on six hits while improving to 5-0.

But the day belonged to Mervis, the next big thing on a team that hopes to contend for a division title. Rizzo arrived in the first year of the Epstein rebuild and knew they were going nowhere.

Mervis arrives as Epstein's replacement, Jed Hoyer, is in a key year in his rebuild — one that he steadfastly refused to call a rebuild.

Hoyer said Friday that he brought up Mervis because the first baseman was ready and the Cubs offense was in a rut. They hit .249 and scored 21 runs on the recent trip to Miami and Washington, losing five by one run.

"I don't want to put too much pressure on him," Hoyer said. "Certainly it's a lever to pull to bring him up to play a lot, but at the same time we're not expecting him to carry the lineup or do anything other than what he can do. We were really good on offense in the beginning of the season. Obviously we're in a bit of a dip right now."

Rizzo had the advantage of playing in San Diego in 2011 before being dealt to the Cubs, where he was immediately dubbed the savior.

"I was the savior last year (in San Diego) too," Rizzo said that day in 2012. "And that's why I think it's easier this year to come up. Hopefully this is just a building block of what is to come here in the city and the organization. Hopefully we can look back and this is one of the first steps."

Rizzo turned out to be one of the first steps in building a championship team, while Mervis moves into a complementary position behind Cody Bellinger, Dansby Swanson, Happ and Nico Hoerner.

Mervis said Friday morning that he "kind of blacked out" when he got the call but he regrouped and called his mom, who cried. He knows he's going to be the focus of the lineup for a while to see if his power translates to the majors but insisted it wouldn't affect him.

"I don't really pay attention to it," Mervis said of expectations. "I expect to come in and help us win right away. Whatever Twitter or the media is saying about me, I'm sure I'm thinking the same thing about my own performance."

Manager David Ross inserted Mervis into the No. 7 spot against Cabrera. Rizzo made his Cubs debut in the No. 3 hole against the Mets, where manager Dale Sveum batted him in 82 of his 85 starts in 2012.

After striking out on a changeup in the first, grounding to second in the fourth and striking out on three pitches in the sixth, Mervis came to the plate in the eighth against left-hander Tanner Scott with two on and two out following an intentional walk to Trey Mancini. Mervis singled sharply to right, receiving his third standing ovation, and got one more after the inning ended as he walked to the dugout to get his glove.

"I took a second to look up in the crowd and take that one in," Mervis said. "I think I got chills. My teammates were going crazy. The crowd was going crazy. That one was special."

Mervis said he would give the souvenir ball to his dad to "present proudly in his office." Both of his parents, as well as siblings and several friends, were on hand for his debut, one they will long remember.

Times change and players come and go. Rizzo thought he would be a Cub the rest of his career after helping lead them to a World Series title in 2016. But Hoyer dealt him to the New York Yankees at the trade deadline in July 2021 after the sides couldn't agree to a contract extension, and Rizzo has embraced his new chapter in New York.

No one knows whether Mervis can make the same impact in Chicago as Rizzo did. Few players left their mark on Cubs fans as the popular first baseman. But if first impressions are lasting, this could be the start of a beautiful relationship.

"To watch a guy realize his dream is a special thing," Hoyer said. "I love these moments. My hope is that not soon after (Mervis), people are clamoring for the next guy. And that's when I know we're good as an organization, when there is always a next guy."

SPORTS

Linebacker Noah Sewell, right, and tight end Damien Caffrey run drills at rookie minicamp Friday at Halas Hall. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

## Bears

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don't take it for granted. Always show up, show out and do what you're supposed to do in that moment."

And off they went.

The first official practice for all 10 members of the Bears' 2023 draft class began at 12:20 Friday afternoon in Lake Forest. It was a 2-hour, 62-player session that tested the rookies' mentally in terms of their ability to absorb and apply information.

There also were physical demands to meet. This is, after all, the current home of Eberflus' effort-based HITS principle. "I didn't expect to be so winded from the first drills," Stevenson said after practice. "But as practice went, I started to understand how things work here."

Offensive tackle Darnell Wright, the headliner of the rookie class, couldn't wait to get going Friday. After the whirlwind of being drafted and then introduced at Halas Hall last week, Wright was eager to get his helmet on and start acclimating to NFL life on the field.

"I've just been waiting, trying to get into my routine," Wright said. "Today has been a better day mentally. Because I can just play football."

The Bears have grand visions for what Wright can become as an offensive tackle. But every player has a starting point and checkpoints they need to clear. For Wright, Eberflus stressed that the next six weeks will be a runway that helps the promising rookie get ready for training camp, specifically as it relates to the playing style the Bears will demand.

"He's close to where we want him to be in terms of the style," Eberflus said. "We just have to get him up to here. And then (he has to) be able to retain the information and execute on the field. I think he's in a good spot. He retains information very well.

"Obviously his movement skills and athleticism are going to be on point. But we're going to have to really harness him in there with how he uses his body while understanding it's going to be a little different every week. Because you're going to be blocking different types of pass rushers. He has to learn the scheme and learn what works for him. And that's a process."

That process takes time. And the Bears have plenty of it. Rookie minicamp runs through the weekend. The Bears will then get their full team together for the start of practices at organized team activities on May 16.

The stair-step climb to becoming the team the Bears want to be will happen one day at a time.

For Eberflus, Tillman's words Friday to motivate the rookies proved profound, particularly Tillman's push for players to seek constructive criticism as well as the need to embrace competition and work with an urgent edge at all times.

"You've got to be a fiery competitor to be able to stay in this league and to get in one of these seats,"

Running back Andrew Clair runs through drills on Friday.

Defensive back Tyrique Stevenson speaks with the media at Halas Hall.

**RED STARS**

# GM dismissed for a 'lapse' of judgment

Associated Press

The general manager of the Chicago Red Stars was fired for a "lapse of judgement" some four months after she was promoted into the position.

Michelle Lomnicki was dismissed in advance of a report in the Athletic on Friday that said the youth soccer club Chicago Empire FC had employed Craig Harrington, who was suspended from coaching in the National Women's Soccer League for two years because of inappropriate conduct while coach of the Utah Royals.

Lomnicki, named associate GM of the Red Stars in January 2022 before she was promoted in January, has ties to the youth team, an affiliate of the Red Stars until 2021. Her husband, Wes Lomnicki, is Empire's sporting director.

"Yesterday the Board of the Chicago Red Stars ended Michelle Lomnicki's employment effective immediately after learning about a lapse in judgment to not share important information with club leadership," the team's board said in a statement Friday. "The Board determined that it is in the best interest of the players, staff and organization to part ways at this time.

Lomnicki and Harrington did not respond to requests for comment by the Associated Press. The team's statement did not specify the reasons for her dismissal.

Lomnicki told the Athletic in a statement that she had no role in hiring decisions for the Empire.

In January, Harrington was among six people the NWSL disciplined in the wake of a pair of investigations into misconduct across the league.

Former North Carolina coach Paul Riley, former Chicago Red Stars coach Rory Dames, former Washington Spirit coach Richie Burke and former Racing Louisville coach Christy Holly were all banned from coaching in the league. Harrington and former Gotham general manager Alyse LaHue were suspended from working in the NWSL for two years until Jan. 9, 2025.

Harrington was coach of the Royals in 2020 before he was placed on leave for alleged verbal abuse. The team folded later that year.

A horse walks through the barn area Friday during morning workouts in preparation for the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. **STACY REVERE/GETTY**

**HORSE RACING** KENTUCKY DERBY

# 19 horses to tangle in wide-open field

## Skinner becomes 4th horse scratched from Saturday's lineup

**By Beth Harris**
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The cast of characters for the 149th Kentucky Derby was rewritten in the days before the race. What didn't change: Forte is the early 3-1 favorite on Saturday in a seemingly wide-open field of 19 horses.

Four horses were scratched — Practical Move, Lord Miles, Continuar and Skinner — and three horses waiting on the also-eligible list moved into the field. They are Cyclone Mischief, Mandarin Hero and King Russell.

Last year's Derby was a stunner: 80-1 shot Rich Strike weaved his way through traffic and came rushing up the rail to win. NBC Sports' overhead replay of the race was viewed more than 36 million times.

A crowd of about 150,000 is expected to jam Churchill Downs to wager and watch the 1 ¼-mile Derby. Post time is 6:57 p.m. EDT.

Forte breaks from the No. 15 post, which has produced six winners. The dark brown colt is trained by two-time Derby winner Todd Pletcher, who also has the second favorite in Tapit Trice, at 5-1.

The Todd Squad includes Kingsbarns, and it's an impressive trio.

Forte was last year's 2-year-old champion and has six wins in seven career starts, including five in a row. Tapit Trice is 4 for 5 and Kingsbarns is 3 for 3.

"You could say it's the deepest squad we've brought so far," Pletcher said.

Louisville-born Brad Cox won his first Derby belatedly when Mandaloun was elevated to first place after Medina Spirit's disqualification nine months after the 2021 race.

"There's no thrill of winning the Derby through a phone call," he said. "There's no celebration, there's no winning picture."

Cox has a leading four chances to make the winner's circle in person this year: early 8-1 third choice Angel of Empire; Hit Show; Verifying; and Jace's Road.

"I'm sure it would be a feeling like no other," he said.

Gary and Mary West, who own Hit Show, are seeking retribution of their own.

Their horse, Maximum Security, crossed the Derby finish line first in 2019, but was disqualified for interference after a 22-minute delay while stewards reviewed video. Country House was awarded the garland of red roses. The Wests sued unsuccessfully to have the stewards' decision reversed.

"They would like to cross the wire first and stay up," Cox said. "They got a really live crack. This colt is really doing well."

A couple of jockeys are looking for similar satisfaction.

Luis Saez rode Maximum Security in 2019 and received a 15-day suspension for interfering with others; he's seeking his first Derby win aboard Tapit Trice. Florent Geroux, who was on Mandaloun, is on Jace's Road.

For the second straight year, the Derby is without Bob Baffert. The Hall of Fame trainer with a record-tying six victories is soon to complete a two-year ban by Churchill Downs Inc. He was punished after Medina Spirit flunked a post-race drug test.

Baffert's shadow still looms large over the Twin Spires. A colt previously trained by him, Reincarnate, will be in the starting gate.

Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. found himself on the sideline after being indefinitely suspended Thursday by Churchill Downs Inc. His Derby entry, Lord Miles, was scratched. Two of Joseph's horses died after races at the track in the days leading up to the Derby. No cause of death has yet been found.

New antidoping and medication rules to be enforced by the sport's new central governing body won't take effect until May 22, after the Derby and the Preakness.

Japan is represented by Derma Sotogake and Mandarin Hero, giving the nation two chances to win the Derby for the first time.

Derma Sotogake and Two Phil's are the most experienced runners in the field, having made eight career starts.

"He has a lot of experience and it has made him tougher and tougher," said Christophe Lemaire, who will ride Derma Sotogake. "It is important to have that experience with 18 other horses in a high-level race."

# BASEBALL

## American League

| EAST | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 27 | 6 | .818 | — | — | 7-3 | W-4 | 18-2 | 9-4 |
| Baltimore | 21 | 10 | .677 | 5 | +3 | 7-3 | W-1 | 9-4 | 12-6 |
| Boston | 19 | 14 | .576 | 8 | — | 7-3 | W-6 | 13-7 | 6-7 |
| Toronto | 19 | 14 | .576 | 8 | — | 5-5 | W-1 | 9-3 | 10-11 |
| New York | 17 | 16 | .515 | 10 | 2 | 4-6 | L-1 | 11-8 | 6-8 |
| **CENTRAL** | **W** | **L** | **PCT** | **GB** | **WCGB** | **L10** | **STR** | **HOME** | **AWAY** |
| Minnesota | 19 | 14 | .576 | — | — | 6-4 | W-2 | 10-6 | 9-8 |
| Cleveland | 14 | 18 | .438 | 4½ | 4½ | 3-7 | L-3 | 4-9 | 10-9 |
| Detroit | 13 | 17 | .433 | 4½ | 4½ | 6-4 | W-3 | 8-7 | 5-10 |
| Chicago | 11 | 22 | .333 | 8 | 8 | 4-6 | W-1 | 6-10 | 5-12 |
| Kansas City | 8 | 24 | .250 | 10½ | 10½ | 3-7 | L-1 | 2-14 | 6-10 |
| **WEST** | **W** | **L** | **PCT** | **GB** | **WCGB** | **L10** | **STR** | **HOME** | **AWAY** |
| Texas | 18 | 12 | .600 | — | — | 5-5 | L-1 | 12-6 | 6-6 |
| Los Angeles | 18 | 14 | .563 | 1 | ½ | 7-3 | W-4 | 8-5 | 10-9 |
| Houston | 16 | 15 | .516 | 2½ | 2 | 5-5 | L-2 | 8-11 | 8-4 |
| Seattle | 15 | 16 | .484 | 3½ | 3 | 5-5 | W-4 | 7-9 | 8-7 |
| Oakland | 6 | 26 | .188 | 13 | 12½ | 2-8 | L-3 | 3-15 | 3-11 |

## National League

| EAST | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 22 | 10 | .688 | — | — | 8-2 | W-3 | 7-7 | 15-3 |
| New York | 17 | 16 | .515 | 5½ | ½ | 3-7 | W-1 | 7-6 | 10-10 |
| Miami | 16 | 17 | .485 | 6½ | 1½ | 4-6 | L-4 | 10-9 | 6-8 |
| Philadelphia | 15 | 17 | .469 | 7 | 2 | 5-5 | L-4 | 8-5 | 7-12 |
| Washington | 13 | 18 | .419 | 8½ | 3½ | 6-4 | W-3 | 6-12 | 7-6 |
| **CENTRAL** | **W** | **L** | **PCT** | **GB** | **WCGB** | **L10** | **STR** | **HOME** | **AWAY** |
| Pittsburgh | 20 | 13 | .606 | — | — | 4-6 | L-5 | 9-5 | 11-8 |
| Milwaukee | 18 | 13 | .581 | 1 | +1½ | 3-7 | L-4 | 9-6 | 9-7 |
| Chicago | 16 | 16 | .500 | 3½ | 1 | 3-7 | W-1 | 9-8 | 7-8 |
| Cincinnati | 13 | 19 | .406 | 6½ | 4 | 6-4 | L-2 | 9-7 | 4-12 |
| St. Louis | 10 | 22 | .313 | 9½ | 7 | 1-9 | L-6 | 5-11 | 5-11 |
| **WEST** | **W** | **L** | **PCT** | **GB** | **WCGB** | **L10** | **STR** | **HOME** | **AWAY** |
| Los Angeles | 19 | 13 | .594 | — | — | 8-2 | W-6 | 12-6 | 7-7 |
| Arizona | 17 | 14 | .548 | 1½ | +½ | 5-5 | W-1 | 8-6 | 9-8 |
| San Diego | 17 | 15 | .531 | 2 | — | 7-3 | W-1 | 9-9 | 8-6 |
| San Francisco | 13 | 17 | .433 | 5 | 3 | 6-4 | W-2 | 7-7 | 6-10 |
| Colorado | 12 | 21 | .364 | 7½ | 5½ | 6-4 | L-1 | 7-9 | 5-12 |

## BOX SCORES

### CHICAGO CUBS 4, MIAMI 1

| Miami | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Berti ss | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .271 |
| Soler dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .212 |
| Arraez 2b | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | .437 |
| Gurriel 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .292 |
| Segura 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .198 |
| Chisholm Jr. cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .229 |
| De La Cruz lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .252 |
| Stallings c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .122 |
| Hampson rf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .255 |
| **TOTALS** | **30** | **1** | **8** | **1** | **5** | |

| Chicago | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hoerner 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | .309 |
| Swanson ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .283 |
| Happ lf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .300 |
| Suzuki rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .273 |
| Bellinger cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .297 |
| Mancini dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .269 |
| Mervis 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .250 |
| Wisdom 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | .229 |
| Amaya c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| **TOTALS** | **32** | **4** | **8** | **4** | **15** | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Miami** | **000** | **001** | **000** | **1** | **8** | **0** |
| **Chicago** | **100** | **020** | **01x** | **4** | **8** | **0** |

**LOB:** Miami 5, Chicago 7. **2B:** Hoerner (6), Bellinger (7). HR: Happ (4), off Cabrera. **RBIs:** Gurriel (6), Suzuki (9), Happ 2(17), Mervis (1). SF: Gurriel. S: Stallings. **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 3(Berti, Chisholm Jr. 2); Chicago 3(Wisdom, Swanson, Hoerner). **RISP:** Miami 0for 5; Chicago 2for 6. LI**DP:** Hampson. **GIDP:** Soler, Gurriel. **DP:** Chicago 3(Hoerner, Swanson, Hoerner; Wisdom, Hoerner, Mervis; Swanson, Hoerner, Mervis).

| MIAMI | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cabrera, L, 2-3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 4.78 |
| Okert | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4.05 |
| Barnes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3.86 |
| Scott | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5.54 |
| **CHICAGO** | **IP** | **H** | **R** | **ER** | **BB** | **SO** | **ERA** |
| Steele, W, 5-0 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1.45 |
| Fulmer, H, 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.08 |
| Leiter Jr., S, 1-1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.32 |

**First-pitch strikes/Batters Faced:** Barnes 3/4; Okert 3/3; Scott 4/6; Cabrera 9/22. Fulmer 2/3; Leiter Jr. 1/4; Steele 19/26.
**Called strikes-Swinging strikes-Foul balls-In play strikes:** Barnes-5-3-3-2; Okert-4-4-1-0; Scott-3-3-7-3; Cabrera-18-12-15-10, Fulmer-1-0-1-3; Leiter Jr.-3-2-1-2; Steele-14-11-17-21.
**Ground Balls-Fly Balls:** Barnes 0-1; Scott 0-1; Cabrera 2-5. Fulmer 2-0; Leiter Jr. 1-0; Steele 7-9
IBB: off Scott (Mancini). **HBP:** Cabrera (Amaya), Leiter Jr. (Segura). PB: Stallings (3). **Umpires:** Home, Sean Barber; First, Jim Wolf; Second, Alan Porter; Third, Nate Tomlinson. T: 2:09. **A:** 31,181 (41,363).

### INNING PITCHED, LAST 15 DAYS

*through Thursday; mlb.com*

| PITCHER | TM | W | L | ERA | IP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AaronNola | PHI | 1 | 0 | 3.38 | 21.1 |
| LoganWebb | SF | 2 | 1 | 2.53 | 21.1 |
| GeorgeKirby | SEA | 2 | 1 | 2.57 | 21.0 |
| ShaneBieber | CLE | 1 | 1 | 3.05 | 20.2 |
| LucasGiolito | ChW | 0 | 1 | 3.05 | 20.2 |
| EduardoRodriguez | DET | 2 | 0 | 0.44 | 20.2 |
| DomingoGerman | NYY | 1 | 1 | 4.87 | 20. |
| FramberValdez | HOU | 1 | 2 | 3.60 | 20.0 |
| DrewSmyly | CHC | 2 | 0 | 1.37 | 19.2 |
| AnthonyDeSclafani | SF | 2 | 1 | 2.84 | 19.0 |
| TylerWells | BAL | 2 | 0 | 2.89 | 18.2 |
| GerritCole | NYY | 1 | 0 | 1.96 | 18.1 |
| PatrickCorbin | WSH | 0 | 2 | 3.93 | 18.1 |
| BryceElder | ATL | 1 | 0 | 1.96 | 18.1 |
| ZacGallen | AZ | 2 | 0 | 1.47 | 18.1 |
| RoansyContreras | PIT | 2 | 1 | 2.50 | 18.0 |
| TannerHouck | BOS | 1 | 1 | 6.00 | 18.0 |
| ShoheiOhtani | LAA | 2 | 0 | 4.50 | 18.0 |
| FreddyPeralta | MIL | 1 | 1 | 4.08 | 17.2 |
| KevinGausman | TOR | 1 | 1 | 4.15 | 17.1 |
| KyleGibson | BAL | 1 | 1 | 5.19 | 17.1 |
| MilesMikolas | STL | 1 | 0 | 3.12 | 17.1 |
| MarcusStroman | ChC | 0 | 1 | 4.15 | 17.1 |
| GrahamAshcraft | CIN | 0 | 0 | 2.65 | 17.0 |
| ZachEflin | TB | 2 | 0 | 1.59 | 17.0 |
| RyanFeltner | COL | 2 | 0 | 1.06 | 17.0 |
| KyleFreeland | COL | 1 | 2 | 3.71 | 17.0 |
| MitchKeller | PIT | 2 | 1 | 2.65 | 17.0 |
| PabloLopez | MIN | 1 | 1 | 6.88 | 17.0 |
| MichaelLorenzen | DET | 1 | 1 | 3.18 | 17.0 |
| SethLugo | SD | 1 | 2 | 3.71 | 17.0 |
| AlekManoah | TOR | 0 | 1 | 2.12 | 17.0 |
| ShaneMcClanahan | TB | 2 | 0 | 2.65 | 17.0 |
| WadeMiley | MIL | 1 | 0 | 3.18 | 17.0 |
| JonGray | TEX | 0 | 0 | 5.40 | 16.2 |
| AndrewHeaney | TEX | 1 | 1 | 5.94 | 16.2 |
| NickPivetta | BOS | 2 | 1 | 5.40 | 16.2 |
| JoeyLucchesi | NYM | 1 | 0 | 3.86 | 16.1 |
| JesusLuzardo | MIA | 0 | 2 | 4.96 | 16.1 |
| JPSears | OAK | 0 | 1 | 5.51 | 16.1 |
| TrevorWilliams | WSH | 0 | 0 | 3.31 | 16.1 |
| HunterBrown | HOU | 1 | 1 | 3.38 | 16.0 |
| YuseiKikuchi | TOR | 2 | 0 | 3.38 | 16.0 |
| MichaelKopech | ChW | 0 | 1 | 5.63 | 16.0 |
| PatrickSandoval | LAA | 2 | 1 | 4.50 | 16.0 |
| JulioUrias | LAD | 1 | 2 | 6.75 | 16.0 |
| VinceVelasquez | PIT | 2 | 1 | 0.56 | 16.0 |
| LukeWeaver | CIN | 0 | 2 | 7.88 | 16.0 |
| NestorCortes | NYY | 1 | 2 | 7.47 | 15.2 |
| JoeyWentz | DET | 0 | 1 | 6.89 | 15.2 |
| HaydenWesneski | CHC | 1 | 1 | 2.93 | 15.1 |
| NathanEovaldi | TEX | 1 | 0 | 1.80 | 15.0 |
| JordanLyles | KC | 0 | 2 | 10.20 | 15.0 |
| ClarkeSchmidt | NYY | 0 | 2 | 3.00 | 15.0 |
| MichaelWacha | SD | 0 | 0 | 4.80 | 15.0 |
| BrayanBello | BOS | 1 | 0 | 3.68 | 14.2 |
| StevenMatz | STL | 0 | 2 | 6.28 | 14.1 |
| AlexCobb | SF | 1 | 0 | 1.93 | 14.0 |
| RyneNelson | AZ | 0 | 2 | 9.64 | 14.0 |
| MattStrahm | PHI | 1 | 2 | 4.50 | 14.0 |
| ZackGreinke | KC | 1 | 1 | 7.24 | 13.2 |
| GraysonRodriguez | BAL | 1 | 0 | 3.95 | 13.2 |
| DylanCease | ChW | 0 | 1 | 9.00 | 13.0 |
| LuisCessa | CIN | 1 | 2 | 5.54 | 13.0 |
| JackFlaherty | STL | 1 | 2 | 11.77 | 13.0 |
| BraxtonGarrett | MIA | 1 | 1 | 8.31 | 13.0 |
| SonnyGray | MIN | 2 | 0 | 0.69 | 13.0 |

### AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

*through Thursday's games*

| BATTING AVERAGE | G | AB | H | R | AVG. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M.Chapman Tor | 31 | 114 | 40 | 18 | .351 |
| Bichette Tor | 32 | 136 | 45 | 21 | .331 |
| Y.Díaz TB | 29 | 104 | 34 | 25 | .327 |
| Arozarena TB | 30 | 117 | 38 | 23 | .325 |
| Guerrero Jr. Tor | 32 | 128 | 41 | 23 | .320 |
| Yoshida Bos | 27 | 104 | 33 | 21 | .317 |
| Verdugo Bos | 32 | 130 | 41 | 26 | .315 |
| Ohtani LAA | 30 | 117 | 36 | 20 | .308 |
| Kelenic Sea | 29 | 102 | 31 | 14 | .304 |
| Dubón Hou | 26 | 109 | 33 | 20 | .303 |

**Home Runs:** Devers, Boston, 11; Rooker, Oakland, 9; Y.Díaz, Tampa Bay, 8; Buxton, Minnesota, 8; Jung, Texas, 8; A.García, Texas, 8; Trout, Los Angeles, 8; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 8; Mountcastle, Baltimore, 8.
**Runs Batted In:** A.García, Texas, 31; Devers, Boston, 31; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 29; Alvarez, Houston, 27; Mullins, Baltimore, 26; Mountcastle, Baltimore, 26.
**Pitching:** McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 6-0; Cole, New York, 5-0; Ryan, Minnesota, 5-0; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 4-0.

### CHICAGO WHITE SOX 5, CINCINNATI 4

| Chicago | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anderson ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .274 |
| Benintendi lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .265 |
| Vaughn 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .244 |
| Jimenez dh | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .258 |
| Sheets rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .246 |
| Haseley rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .500 |
| Robert Jr. cf | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | .236 |
| Grandal c | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .263 |
| Zavala c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .171 |
| Alberto 3b | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .167 |
| Andrus 2b | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | .204 |
| **TOTALS** | **33** | **5** | **7** | **5** | **10** | |

| Cincinnati | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| India 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .280 |
| Friedl cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .318 |
| Steer 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .241 |
| Stephenson dh | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | .264 |
| Fraley lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .239 |
| Ramos rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .273 |
| Senzel 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .286 |
| Newman ss | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .224 |
| Maile c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .280 |
| 1-Fairchild pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .200 |
| Casali c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .185 |
| **TOTALS** | **33** | **4** | **8** | **4** | **12** | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chicago** | **000** | **032** | **000** | **5** | **7** | **1** |
| **Cincinnati** | **001** | **210** | **000** | **4** | **8** | **0** |

1-ran for Maile in the 7th. **E:** Grandal (1). **LOB:** Chicago 3, Cincinnati 3. **2B:** Friedl (5). HR: Andrus (1), off Greene; Robert Jr. (7), off Greene; India (2), off Lynn. **RBIs:** Andrus 3(13), Robert Jr. 2 (18), Friedl (12), Fraley (18), Senzel (13), India (13). SB: Andrus (5), Newman (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 1(Benintendi); Cincinnati 1 (India). **RISP:** Chicago 1for 3; Cincinnati 3for 7. LI**DP:** Ramos. **GIDP:** Newman. **DP:** Chicago 2(Andrus, Anderson, Vaughn; Robert Jr., Vaughn, Robert Jr.).

| CHICAGO | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lynn, W, 1-4 | 6⅔ | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 6.86 |
| Kelly, H, 3 | 1⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6.00 |
| Lopez, S, 4-8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8.16 |
| **CINCINNATI** | **IP** | **H** | **R** | **ER** | **BB** | **SO** | **ERA** |
| Greene, L, 0-2 | 5⅔ | 7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 3.74 |
| Sims | 1⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.00 |
| Farmer | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3.31 |

Inherited runners-scored: Kelly 1-0, Sims 1-0. **Umpires:** Home, Brian Knight; First, Alex Tosi; Second, Tony Randazzo; Third, Todd Tichenor. T: 2:30. **A:** 23,467(43,891).

### LEAGUE YEAR-BY-YEAR STATS

through Thursday' baseball-reference

| YEAR | TM | R/G | PA | R | RBI |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 30 | 4.59 | 37.81 | 4.59 | 4.40 |
| 2022 | 30 | 4.28 | 37.46 | 4.28 | 4.09 |
| 2021 | 30 | 4.53 | 37.43 | 4.53 | 4.32 |
| 2020 | 30 | 4.65 | 37.03 | 4.65 | 4.44 |
| 2019 | 30 | 4.83 | 38.39 | 4.83 | 4.63 |
| 2018 | 30 | 4.45 | 38.08 | 4.45 | 4.24 |
| 2017 | 30 | 4.65 | 38.13 | 4.65 | 4.44 |
| 2016 | 30 | 4.48 | 38.01 | 4.48 | 4.27 |
| 2015 | 30 | 4.25 | 37.80 | 4.25 | 4.04 |
| 2014 | 30 | 4.07 | 37.85 | 4.07 | 3.86 |
| 2013 | 30 | 4.17 | 38.02 | 4.17 | 3.96 |
| 2012 | 30 | 4.32 | 37.90 | 4.32 | 4.11 |
| 2011 | 30 | 4.28 | 38.13 | 4.28 | 4.08 |
| 2010 | 30 | 4.38 | 38.18 | 4.38 | 4.17 |
| 2009 | 30 | 4.61 | 38.49 | 4.61 | 4.40 |
| 2008 | 30 | 4.65 | 38.64 | 4.65 | 4.44 |
| 2007 | 30 | 4.80 | 38.80 | 4.80 | 4.58 |
| 2006 | 30 | 4.86 | 38.71 | 4.86 | 4.63 |
| 2005 | 30 | 4.59 | 38.32 | 4.59 | 4.37 |
| 2004 | 30 | 4.81 | 38.83 | 4.81 | 4.58 |
| 2003 | 30 | 4.73 | 38.57 | 4.73 | 4.50 |
| 2002 | 30 | 4.62 | 38.46 | 4.62 | 4.40 |
| 2001 | 30 | 4.78 | 38.49 | 4.78 | 4.55 |
| 2000 | 30 | 5.14 | 39.16 | 5.14 | 4.89 |
| 1999 | 30 | 5.08 | 39.06 | 5.08 | 4.83 |
| 1998 | 30 | 4.79 | 38.71 | 4.79 | 4.54 |
| 1997 | 28 | 4.77 | 38.73 | 4.77 | 4.52 |
| 1996 | 28 | 5.04 | 39.10 | 5.04 | 4.76 |
| 1995 | 28 | 4.85 | 38.85 | 4.85 | 4.57 |
| 1994 | 28 | 4.92 | 38.90 | 4.92 | 4.64 |
| 1993 | 28 | 4.60 | 38.47 | 4.60 | 4.32 |
| 1992 | 26 | 4.12 | 38.12 | 4.12 | 3.87 |
| 1991 | 26 | 4.31 | 38.20 | 4.31 | 4.05 |
| 1990 | 26 | 4.26 | 38.08 | 4.26 | 3.99 |
| 1989 | 26 | 4.13 | 37.99 | 4.13 | 3.85 |
| 1988 | 26 | 4.14 | 37.95 | 4.14 | 3.86 |
| 1987 | 26 | 4.72 | 38.46 | 4.72 | 4.44 |
| 1986 | 26 | 4.41 | 38.24 | 4.41 | 4.14 |
| 1985 | 26 | 4.33 | 38.12 | 4.33 | 4.07 |
| 1984 | 26 | 4.26 | 38.14 | 4.26 | 3.99 |
| 1983 | 26 | 4.31 | 38.08 | 4.31 | 4.05 |
| 1982 | 26 | 4.30 | 38.23 | 4.30 | 4.04 |
| 1981 | 26 | 4.00 | 37.98 | 4.00 | 3.75 |
| 1980 | 26 | 4.29 | 38.29 | 4.29 | 4.02 |
| 1979 | 26 | 4.46 | 38.22 | 4.46 | 4.18 |
| 1978 | 26 | 4.10 | 37.87 | 4.10 | 3.83 |
| 1977 | 26 | 4.47 | 38.41 | 4.47 | 4.18 |
| 1976 | 24 | 3.99 | 38.06 | 3.99 | 3.70 |
| 1975 | 24 | 4.21 | 38.42 | 4.21 | 3.92 |
| 1974 | 24 | 4.12 | 38.27 | 4.12 | 3.82 |
| 1973 | 24 | 4.21 | 38.29 | 4.21 | 3.93 |
| 1972 | 24 | 3.69 | 37.65 | 3.69 | 3.43 |
| 1971 | 24 | 3.89 | 37.85 | 3.89 | 3.63 |
| 1970 | 24 | 4.34 | 38.41 | 4.34 | 4.05 |
| 1969 | 24 | 4.07 | 38.08 | 4.07 | 3.77 |
| 1968 | 20 | 3.42 | 37.18 | 3.42 | 3.17 |
| 1967 | 20 | 3.77 | 37.61 | 3.77 | 3.48 |
| 1966 | 20 | 3.99 | 37.68 | 3.99 | 3.71 |
| 1965 | 20 | 3.99 | 37.82 | 3.99 | 3.70 |
| 1964 | 20 | 4.04 | 37.83 | 4.04 | 3.76 |
| 1963 | 20 | 3.95 | 37.79 | 3.95 | 3.68 |
| 1962 | 20 | 4.46 | 38.43 | 4.46 | 4.18 |
| 1961 | 18 | 4.53 | 38.32 | 4.53 | 4.22 |
| 1960 | 16 | 4.31 | 38.36 | 4.31 | 4.03 |
| 1959 | 16 | 4.38 | 38.27 | 4.38 | 4.11 |
| 1958 | 16 | 4.28 | 38.13 | 4.28 | 4.03 |
| 1957 | 16 | 4.31 | 38.63 | 4.31 | 4.06 |
| 1956 | 16 | 4.45 | 38.45 | 4.45 | 4.17 |
| 1955 | 16 | 4.48 | 38.51 | 4.48 | 4.21 |
| 1954 | 16 | 4.38 | 38.67 | 4.38 | 4.11 |
| 1953 | 16 | 4.61 | 38.49 | 4.61 | 4.32 |
| 1952 | 16 | 4.18 | 38.28 | 4.18 | 3.90 |
| 1951 | 16 | 4.55 | 38.76 | 4.55 | 4.25 |
| 1950 | 16 | 4.85 | 38.97 | 4.85 | 4.55 |
| 1949 | 16 | 4.61 | 38.80 | 4.61 | 4.29 |

### NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

*through Thursday's games*

| BATTING AVERAGE | G | AB | H | R | AVG. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arraez Mia | 28 | 99 | 42 | 12 | .424 |
| Acuña Jr. Atl | 32 | 124 | 44 | 29 | .355 |
| T.Estrada SF | 29 | 114 | 39 | 20 | .342 |
| E.Díaz Col | 29 | 92 | 31 | 12 | .337 |
| Marsh Phi | 30 | 95 | 31 | 18 | .326 |
| B.Reynolds Pit | 30 | 114 | 37 | 18 | .325 |
| Carroll Ari | 29 | 99 | 31 | 20 | .313 |
| Friedl Cin | 31 | 103 | 32 | 10 | .311 |
| Freeman LAD | 32 | 126 | 39 | 25 | .310 |
| Bryant Col | 29 | 110 | 34 | 13 | .309 |

**Home Runs:** Muncy, Los Angeles, 12; Wisdom, Chicago, 11; Alonso, New York, 11; Tellez, Milwaukee, 9; Olson, Atlanta, 9; Albies, Atlanta, 9.
**Runs Batted In:** Alonso, New York, 28; Muncy, Los Angeles, 27; Olson, Atlanta, 26; Albies, Atlanta, 26; C.Walker, Arizona, 25; Murphy, Atlanta, 24; Lindor, New York, 24.
**Pitching:**
Kershaw, Los Angeles, 5-1; Steele, Chicago, 4-0; Strider, Atlanta, 4-0; Gallen, Arizona, 4-1.

### TEAM STATS BY LOCATION

through Thursday; mlb.com

| HOME | G | PA | R | H | HR | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 19 | 609 | 117 | 160 | 35 | .263 |
| Boston | 20 | 708 | 124 | 210 | 27 | .297 |
| L.A. Angels | 13 | 435 | 80 | 116 | 25 | .267 |
| L.A. Dodgers | 18 | 589 | 108 | 153 | 31 | .260 |
| Texas | 18 | 601 | 120 | 165 | 31 | .275 |
| Colorado | 16 | 543 | 81 | 158 | 15 | .291 |
| Arizona | 14 | 474 | 75 | 134 | 11 | .283 |
| St. Louis | 16 | 555 | 76 | 151 | 18 | .272 |
| Philadelphia | 13 | 435 | 60 | 118 | 17 | .271 |
| Atlanta | 14 | 468 | 68 | 116 | 19 | .248 |
| San Diego | 18 | 594 | 80 | 151 | 24 | .254 |
| Minnesota | 16 | 527 | 75 | 130 | 21 | .247 |
| Milwaukee | 15 | 476 | 69 | 115 | 22 | .242 |
| Toronto | 12 | 397 | 58 | 104 | 12 | .262 |
| Pittsburgh | 13 | 407 | 61 | 103 | 12 | .253 |
| Chi. Cubs | 16 | 530 | 79 | 136 | 21 | .257 |
| Baltimore | 13 | 418 | 66 | 109 | 14 | .261 |
| Cincinnati | 15 | 483 | 77 | 121 | 14 | .251 |
| N.Y. Mets | 12 | 375 | 51 | 89 | 12 | .237 |
| Detroit | 15 | 515 | 64 | 128 | 16 | .249 |
| Chi. White Sox | 16 | 550 | 73 | 136 | 15 | .247 |
| San Francisco | 14 | 455 | 52 | 109 | 16 | .240 |
| N.Y. Yankees | 19 | 600 | 71 | 132 | 28 | .220 |
| Miami | 19 | 610 | 56 | 157 | 12 | .257 |
| Seattle | 16 | 514 | 68 | 110 | 15 | .214 |
| Kansas City | 16 | 525 | 55 | 115 | 15 | .219 |
| Houston | 19 | 622 | 79 | 141 | 16 | .227 |
| Washington | 18 | 594 | 53 | 147 | 9 | .247 |
| Cleveland | 12 | 390 | 35 | 86 | 4 | .221 |
| Oakland | 18 | 592 | 56 | 126 | 14 | .213 |

| ROAD | G | PA | R | H | HR | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 13 | 482 | 93 | 143 | 32 | .297 |
| Chi. Cubs | 15 | 537 | 77 | 152 | 19 | .283 |
| Atlanta | 18 | 617 | 108 | 169 | 35 | .274 |
| Philadelphia | 19 | 670 | 77 | 176 | 18 | .263 |
| Houston | 12 | 423 | 58 | 110 | 12 | .260 |
| Baltimore | 18 | 620 | 105 | 160 | 24 | .258 |
| Pittsburgh | 19 | 659 | 99 | 169 | 23 | .256 |
| L.A. Angels | 19 | 654 | 90 | 167 | 19 | .255 |
| Washington | 13 | 451 | 62 | 115 | 9 | .255 |
| Arizona | 17 | 575 | 86 | 144 | 20 | .250 |
| Toronto | 20 | 703 | 93 | 176 | 24 | .250 |
| Texas | 12 | 412 | 71 | 101 | 12 | .245 |
| Milwaukee | 16 | 547 | 68 | 133 | 14 | .243 |
| San Francisco | 16 | 572 | 83 | 139 | 33 | .243 |
| Kansas City | 16 | 552 | 64 | 134 | 13 | .243 |
| St. Louis | 16 | 539 | 59 | 130 | 17 | .241 |
| Oakland | 14 | 472 | 63 | 113 | 20 | .239 |
| Miami | 13 | 447 | 52 | 107 | 16 | .239 |
| N.Y. Yankees | 13 | 432 | 55 | 103 | 11 | .238 |
| Cincinnati | 16 | 546 | 54 | 130 | 7 | .238 |
| N.Y. Mets | 20 | 673 | 90 | 160 | 22 | .238 |
| Boston | 13 | 434 | 71 | 103 | 19 | .237 |
| Cleveland | 19 | 659 | 81 | 153 | 13 | .232 |
| Chi. White Sox | 16 | 554 | 57 | 123 | 16 | .222 |
| Seattle | 15 | 524 | 66 | 116 | 20 | .221 |
| Colorado | 16 | 533 | 53 | 117 | 11 | .220 |
| L.A. Dodgers | 14 | 468 | 74 | 102 | 23 | .218 |
| Minnesota | 16 | 543 | 72 | 114 | 21 | .210 |
| San Diego | 14 | 454 | 57 | 95 | 13 | .209 |
| Detroit | 15 | 502 | 40 | 101 | 10 | .201 |

### 2023 PITCHES PER GAME START

*through Wednesday; minimum 4 starts; baseball-reference*

| PITCHER | P/GS | GS | TM | BF |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lance Lynn | 101 | 6 | CHW | 148 |
| Spencer Strider | 100 | 6 | ATL | 139 |
| Gerrit Cole | 100 | 7 | NYY | 177 |
| Yu Darvish | 99 | 5 | SDP | 124 |
| Dylan Cease | 99 | 7 | CHW | 164 |
| Seth Lugo | 98 | 6 | SDP | 143 |
| Zack Wheeler | 98 | 6 | PHI | 140 |
| Nick Martinez | 98 | 4 | SDP | 130 |
| Josiah Gray | 98 | 6 | WSN | 141 |
| MacKenzie Gore | 98 | 6 | WSN | 132 |
| Kevin Gausman | 97 | 6 | TOR | 154 |
| Lucas Giolito | 97 | 6 | CHW | 147 |
| Blake Snell | 97 | 6 | SDP | 135 |
| Framber Valdez | 97 | 7 | HOU | 181 |
| Mitch Keller | 97 | 7 | PIT | 172 |
| Jesús Luzardo | 97 | 6 | MIA | 141 |
| Jack Flaherty | 96 | 6 | STL | 137 |
| Logan Webb | 96 | 7 | SFG | 178 |
| Freddy Peralta | 96 | 6 | MIL | 147 |
| Hunter Brown | 96 | 6 | HOU | 140 |
| Michael Kopech | 96 | 6 | CHW | 142 |
| Steven Matz | 96 | 6 | STL | 141 |
| Eduardo Rodriguez | 95 | 6 | DET | 137 |
| Alek Manoah | 95 | 7 | TOR | 171 |
| Cristian Javier | 95 | 6 | HOU | 139 |
| Nick Lodolo | 95 | 6 | CIN | 145 |
| Graham Ashcraft | 94 | 6 | CIN | 148 |
| Jordan Montgomery | 94 | 6 | STL | 150 |
| Miles Mikolas | 94 | 7 | STL | 175 |
| Bryce Elder | 94 | 6 | ATL | 142 |
| Shane Bieber | 94 | 7 | CLE | 181 |
| Chris Bassitt | 94 | 6 | TOR | 142 |
| Nick Pivetta | 94 | 6 | BOS | 134 |
| Aaron Nola | 94 | 7 | PHI | 172 |
| Marcus Stroman | 94 | 7 | CHC | 163 |
| Jordan Lyles | 94 | 6 | KCR | 154 |
| Zac Gallen | 94 | 7 | ARI | 162 |
| Patrick Sandoval | 94 | 6 | LAA | 134 |
| JP Sears | 94 | 6 | OAK | 132 |
| Nathan Eovaldi | 93 | 6 | TEX | 147 |
| Sonny Gray | 93 | 6 | MIN | 140 |
| Charlie Morton | 93 | 6 | ATL | 154 |
| Nestor Cortes | 93 | 6 | NYY | 138 |
| Tyler Wells | 93 | 5 | BAL | 130 |
| Brad Keller | 93 | 6 | KCR | 133 |
| Chad Kuhl | 92 | 5 | WSN | 107 |
| Luis Castillo | 92 | 6 | SEA | 135 |
| Anthony DeSclafani | 92 | 6 | SFG | 144 |
| Michael Wacha | 92 | 6 | SDP | 137 |
| Trevor Williams | 92 | 6 | WSN | 134 |
| Clayton Kershaw | 92 | 6 | LAD | 144 |
| Grayson Rodriguez | 92 | 5 | BAL | 105 |
| Edward Cabrera | 92 | 6 | MIA | 126 |
| Pablo López | 92 | 6 | MIN | 148 |
| Justin Steele | 92 | 6 | CHC | 139 |
| Rich Hill | 91 | 6 | PIT | 139 |
| Ken Waldichuk | 91 | 6 | OAK | 144 |
| Julio Urías | 91 | 7 | LAD | 160 |
| Reid Detmers | 91 | 5 | LAA | 115 |
| Sandy Alcantara | 91 | 6 | MIA | 150 |
| Cal Quantrill | 91 | 6 | CLE | 145 |
| Alex Cobb | 91 | 6 | SFG | 141 |
| Patrick Corbin | 91 | 6 | WSN | 146 |
| Merrill Kelly | 91 | 6 | ARI | 132 |
| Kodai Senga | 91 | 5 | NYM | 117 |
| Mike Clevinger | 91 | 6 | CHW | 135 |
| Vince Velasquez | 91 | 6 | PIT | 137 |
| Shane McClanahan | 90 | 7 | TBR | 161 |
| Eric Lauer | 90 | 6 | MIL | 134 |
| Kyle Gibson | 90 | 7 | BAL | 169 |

### THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

**MAY 6**

**1915:** As a pitcher for Boston, Babe Ruth had three

# SCOREBOARD

## NBA PLAYOFFS

### CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
*(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)*

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**#2 Boston 1, #3 Philadelphia 1**
**May 1:** G1 Philadelphia 119-115.
**May 3:** G2 at Boston 121-87.
**Friday:** G3 at Philadelphia, late
**Sunday:** G4 at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
**Tuesday:** G5 at Boston, TBA
**x-Thursday:** G6 at Philadelphia, TBA
**x-May 14:** G7 at Boston, TBA

**#8 Miami 1, #5 New York 1**
**April 30:** G1 Miami 108-101.
**May 2:** G2 at New York 111-105.
**Saturday:** G3 at Miami, 2:30 p.m.
**Monday:** G4 at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
**Wednesday:** G5 at New York, 6:30 p.m.
**x-May 12:** G6 at Miami, TBD
**x-May 15:** G7 at New York, TBD

**WEST CONFERENCE**

**#1 Denver 2, #4 Phoenix 0**
**April 29:** G1 at Denver 125-107.
**May 1:** G2 at Denver 97-87.
**Friday:** G3 at Phoenix, late
**Sunday:** G4 at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
**x-Tuesday:** G5 at Denver, TBA
**x-Thursday:** G6 at Phoenix, TBA
**x-May 14:** G7 at Denver, TBA

**#6 Golden State 1, #7 L.A. Lakers 1**
**May 2:** G1 L.A. Lakers 117-112.
**May 4:** G2 at Golden State 127-100.
**Saturday:** G3 at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.
**Monday:** G4 at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
**Wednesday:** G5 at Golden State, TBD
**x-May 12:** G6 at Los Angeles, TBD
**x-May 14:** G7 at Golden State, TBD

### NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS
*Through Thursday*

| SCORING AVERAGE | G | FG | FT | PTS | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Butler, MIA | 6 | 79 | 43 | 213 | 35.5 |
| Booker, PHO | 7 | 95 | 40 | 248 | 35.4 |
| Edwards, MIN | 5 | 55 | 33 | 158 | 31.6 |
| Curry, GS | 9 | 101 | 38 | 283 | 31.4 |
| Young, ATL | 6 | 60 | 37 | 175 | 29.2 |
| Durant, PHO | 7 | 66 | 49 | 195 | 27.9 |
| Jokic, DEN | 7 | 74 | 32 | 194 | 27.7 |
| Fox, SAC | 7 | 70 | 31 | 192 | 27.4 |
| Tatum, BOS | 8 | 73 | 38 | 209 | 26.1 |
| Brown, BOS | 8 | 83 | 19 | 208 | 26.0 |
| Murray, DEN | 7 | 65 | 26 | 180 | 25.7 |
| Brunson, NY | 7 | 66 | 28 | 175 | 25.0 |
| Morant, MEM | 5 | 45 | 20 | 123 | 24.6 |
| Middleton, MIL | 5 | 40 | 26 | 119 | 23.8 |
| Westbrook, LAC | 5 | 43 | 22 | 118 | 23.6 |
| Bane, MEM | 6 | 49 | 27 | 141 | 23.5 |
| Bridges, BKN | 4 | 33 | 18 | 94 | 23.5 |
| Mitchell, CLE | 5 | 45 | 13 | 116 | 23.2 |
| Murray, ATL | 5 | 46 | 9 | 115 | 23.0 |
| James, LAL | 8 | 71 | 24 | 178 | 22.3 |
| Thompson, GS | 9 | 71 | 17 | 199 | 22.1 |
| Powell, LAC | 5 | 36 | 24 | 109 | 21.8 |
| Harden, PHI | 6 | 42 | 21 | 126 | 21.0 |
| Maxey, PHI | 6 | 48 | 12 | 126 | 21.0 |
| Davis, LAL | 8 | 65 | 33 | 166 | 20.8 |
| Garland, CLE | 5 | 35 | 21 | 103 | 20.6 |
| Barrett, NY | 7 | 48 | 29 | 137 | 19.6 |
| Harris, PHI | 6 | 49 | 5 | 115 | 19.2 |
| Lopez, MIL | 5 | 39 | 10 | 95 | 19.0 |
| Monk, SAC | 7 | 38 | 44 | 133 | 19.0 |
| Johnson, BKN | 4 | 28 | 6 | 74 | 18.5 |
| Towns, MIN | 5 | 32 | 21 | 91 | 18.2 |
| Jackson, MEM | 6 | 35 | 31 | 108 | 18.0 |
| Holiday, MIL | 5 | 34 | 9 | 89 | 17.8 |
| Wiggins, GS | 9 | 59 | 22 | 153 | 17.0 |
| Adebayo, MIA | 7 | 49 | 20 | 118 | 16.9 |
| Hunter, ATL | 6 | 39 | 8 | 100 | 16.7 |
| Dinwiddie, BKN | 4 | 22 | 15 | 66 | 16.5 |
| Sabonis, SAC | 7 | 49 | 16 | 115 | 16.4 |
| Randle, NY | 6 | 33 | 20 | 97 | 16.2 |
| Russell, LAL | 8 | 51 | 10 | 129 | 16.1 |

| 3-PT FG PERCENTAGE | 3FG | 3FGA | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Williams, BOS | 9 | 14 | .643 |
| Leonard, LAC | 6 | 10 | .600 |
| Hachimura, LAL | 15 | 27 | .556 |
| Brown, BOS | 23 | 43 | .535 |
| Robinson, MIA | 17 | 32 | .531 |
| Craig, PHO | 11 | 22 | .500 |
| Harris, PHI | 12 | 24 | .500 |
| Ingles, MIL | 10 | 20 | .500 |
| Kennard, MEM | 8 | 16 | .500 |
| Moody, GS | 7 | 14 | .500 |
| Allen, MIL | 14 | 29 | .483 |
| Connaughton, MIL | 11 | 23 | .478 |
| Mann, LAC | 9 | 19 | .474 |
| Aldama, MEM | 7 | 15 | .467 |
| Jokic, DEN | 14 | 30 | .467 |
| Booker, PHO | 18 | 39 | .462 |
| Bogdanovic, ATL | 15 | 33 | .455 |
| Conley, MIN | 10 | 22 | .455 |
| Melton, PHI | 14 | 31 | .452 |
| Caldwell-Pope, DEN | 15 | 34 | .441 |
| Butler, MIA | 12 | 28 | .429 |
| Johnson, BKN | 12 | 28 | .429 |
| White, BOS | 19 | 45 | .422 |
| Gordon, DEN | 8 | 19 | .421 |
| Maxey, PHI | 18 | 43 | .419 |
| Morant, MEM | 13 | 31 | .419 |
| Martin, MIA | 12 | 29 | .414 |
| Strus, MIA | 12 | 29 | .414 |
| Finney-Smith, BKN | 7 | 17 | .412 |
| Lopez, MIL | 7 | 17 | .412 |

| REBS PER GAME | G | OFF | DEF | TOT | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Looney, GS | 9 | 47 | 90 | 137 | 15.22 |
| Davis, LAL | 8 | 23 | 89 | 112 | 14.0 |
| Jokic, DEN | 7 | 32 | 65 | 97 | 13.86 |
| Gobert, MIN | 5 | 18 | 43 | 61 | 12.2 |
| Sabonis, SAC | 7 | 31 | 46 | 77 | 11.0 |
| James, LAL | 8 | 16 | 69 | 85 | 10.63 |
| Towns, MIN | 5 | 6 | 45 | 51 | 10.2 |
| Ayton, PHO | 7 | 20 | 51 | 71 | 10.14 |
| Mobley, CLE | 5 | 15 | 35 | 50 | 10.0 |
| Tatum, BOS | 8 | 7 | 71 | 78 | 9.75 |
| Robinson, NY | 7 | 37 | 31 | 68 | 9.71 |
| Zubac, LAC | 5 | 16 | 32 | 48 | 9.6 |
| Durant, PHO | 7 | 5 | 55 | 60 | 8.57 |
| Adebayo, MIA | 7 | 16 | 43 | 59 | 8.43 |
| Capela, ATL | 6 | 15 | 35 | 50 | 8.33 |
| Hart, NY | 7 | 15 | 43 | 58 | 8.29 |
| Portis, MIL | 5 | 10 | 31 | 41 | 8.2 |
| Reed, PHI | 6 | 24 | 25 | 49 | 8.17 |
| Claxton, BKN | 4 | 5 | 27 | 32 | 8.0 |
| Tillman, MEM | 6 | 17 | 31 | 48 | 8.0 |
| Harris, PHI | 6 | 11 | 36 | 47 | 7.83 |
| Jackson, MEM | 6 | 20 | 27 | 47 | 7.83 |
| Westbrook, LAC | 5 | 9 | 29 | 38 | 7.6 |
| Williams, BOS | 8 | 13 | 47 | 60 | 7.5 |
| Allen, CLE | 5 | 15 | 22 | 37 | 7.4 |
| Horford, BOS | 8 | 13 | 46 | 59 | 7.38 |
| Randle, NY | 6 | 8 | 36 | 44 | 7.33 |
| Murray, ATL | 5 | 9 | 27 | 36 | 7.2 |
| Love, MIA | 7 | 4 | 44 | 48 | 6.86 |
| Porter, DEN | 7 | 3 | 45 | 48 | 6.86 |

| ASSISTS PER GAME | G | AST | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|
| Young, ATL | 6 | 61 | 10.2 |
| Green, GS | 8 | 64 | 8.0 |
| Holiday, MIL | 5 | 40 | 8.0 |
| Jokic, DEN | 7 | 55 | 7.9 |
| Fox, SAC | 7 | 54 | 7.7 |
| Harden, PHI | 6 | 45 | 7.5 |
| Paul, PHO | 7 | 52 | 7.4 |
| Westbrook, LAC | 5 | 37 | 7.4 |
| Mitchell, CLE | 5 | 36 | 7.2 |
| Morant, MEM | 5 | 35 | 7.0 |

## WNBA PRESEASON

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**
Chicago at Dallas, late
Wsshington at Minnesota, late

**SUNDAY'S GAME**
Indiana at Chicago, 5p.m.

**MONDAY'S GAME**
Phoenix at Seattle, 9p.m.

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**
New York at Connecticut, 10a.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 10:30a.m.

## NHL PLAYOFFS

### SECOND ROUND
*(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)*

**EAST CONFERENCE**

**Florida 2, Toronto 0**
**May 2:** G1 Florida 4-2.
**May 4:** G2 Forida 3-2.
**Sunday:** G3 at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
**Wednesday:** G4 at Florida, 7 p.m.
**x-May 12:** G5 at Toronto, TBA
**x-May 14:** G6 at Florida, TBA
**x-May 16:** G7 at Toronto, TBA

**#1 Carolina 1, #2 New Jersey 0**
**May 3:** G1 at Carolina 5-1.
**Friday:** G2 at Carolina, late
**Sunday:** G3 at New Jersey, 3:30 p.m.
**Tuesday:** G4 at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
**x-Thursday:** G5 at Carolina, TBA
**x-May 13:** G6 at New Jersey, TBA
**x-May 15:** G7 at Carolina, TBA

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**#1 Vegas 1, #2 Edmonton 0**
**May 3:** G1 at Vegas 6-4.
**Saturday:** G2 at Vegas, 7 p.m.
**Monday:** G3 at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
**Wednesday:** G4 at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
**x-May 12:** G5 at Vegas, TBA
**x-May 14:** G6 at Edmonton, TBA
**x-May 16:** G7 at Vegas, TBA

**Seattle 1, Dallas 1**
**May 2,:** G1e Seattle 5-4 (OT).
**May 4:** G2 at Dallas 4-2.
**Sunday:** G3 at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
**Tuesday:** G4 at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
**Thursday:** G5 at Dallas, TBA
**x-May 13:** G6 at Seattle, TBA
**x-May 15:** G7 at Dallas, TBA

## AUTO RACING

### NASCAR CUP SERIES

| P | MANUFACTURER | PTS | PB | W |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Chevrolet | 417 | -- | 7 |
| 2 | Toyota | 382 | -35 | 3 |
| 3 | Ford | 372 | -45 | 1 |

| DRIVER POINTS | ST | W | T5 | T10 | PT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Christopher Bell | 11 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 331 |
| Ross Chastain | 11 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 319 |
| Kevin Harvick | 11 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 311 |
| Kyle Larson | 11 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 295 |
| Kyle Busch | 11 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 290 |
| Tyler Reddick | 11 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 286 |
| Martin Truex Jr | 11 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 281 |
| Ryan Blaney | 11 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 276 |
| Alex Bowman | 10 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 270 |
| Denny Hamlin | 11 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 270 |
| Joey Logano | 11 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 268 |
| Brad Keselowski | 11 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 267 |
| Ricky Stenhouse Jr | 11 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 247 |
| William Byron | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 245 |
| Chase Briscoe | 11 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 243 |
| Chris Buescher | 11 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 240 |
| Daniel Suarez | 11 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 229 |
| Austin Cindric | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 213 |
| Michael McDowell | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 202 |
| Ty Gibbs | 11 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 199 |
| Bubba Wallace | 11 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 191 |
| Todd Gilliland | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 189 |
| Corey Lajoie | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 185 |
| Aric Almirola | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 168 |
| Erik Jones | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 165 |
| Justin Haley | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 163 |
| A.J. Allmendinger | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 152 |
| Ryan Preece | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 149 |
| Austin Dillon | 11 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 123 |
| Harrison Burton | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 |
| Chase Elliott | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 120 |
| Noah Gragson | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 108 |
| Ty Dillon | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 |
| Cody Ware | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 |
| B.J. McLeod | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Travis Pastrana | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Jenson Button | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Jordan Taylor | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Jimmie Johnson | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Conor Daly | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Kimi Raikkonen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Jonathan Davenport | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

| PLAYOFF POINTS | W | PL | PTS | PPT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kyle Larson | 2 | 2 | 295 | 12 |
| William Byron | 2 | 1 | 245 | 11 |
| Kyle Busch | 2 | 0 | 290 | 10 |
| Tyler Reddick | 1 | 0 | 286 | 7 |
| Joey Logano | 1 | 2 | 268 | 6 |
| Christopher Bell | 1 | 0 | 331 | 5 |
| Martin Truex Jr | 1 | 0 | 281 | 5 |

## XFL FOOTBALL

**PLAYOFFS**
**May 13, XFL Championship Game**
DC vs. Arlington, 8p.m. at
the Alamodome, San Antonio

## USFL FOOTBALL

| NORTH | W | L | T | PCT | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Jersey | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 58 | 43 |
| Michigan | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 66 | 51 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 39 | 55 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 50 | 68 |
| **SOUTH** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **PCT** | **PF** | **PA** |
| New Orleans | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 105 | 77 |
| Birmingham | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 100 | 57 |
| Houston | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 74 | 93 |
| Memphis | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000 | 51 | 99 |

**WEEK 4**
**SATURDAY'S GAMES**
Houston at Philadelphia, 11:30a.m.
Memphis at Michigan, 6p.m.
**SUNDAY'S GAMES**
New Orleans at New Jersey, 2p.m.
Birmingham at Pittsburgh, 5:30p.m.

**WEEK 5**
**SATURDAY, MAY 13**
Pittsburgh at Michigan, 11:30a.m.
Houston at Birmingham, 3p.m.
**SUNDAY, MAY 14**
New Jersey at Philadelphia, noon
Memphis at New Orleans, 2p.m.

## ODDS

**NBA PLAYOFFS — SATURDAY**

| FAVORITE | LINE | O/U | UNDERDOG |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Miami | 4 | (209½) | New York |
| at LA Lakers | 3½ | (227½) | Golden St. |

**MLB — SATURDAY**

| American League FAVORITE | LINE | UNDERDOG | LINE |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Tampa Bay | -182 | NY Yankees | +154 |
| Minnesota | -120 | at Cleveland | +100 |
| at Kasnsas City | -148 | Oakland | +126 |
| at LA Angels | -117 | Texas | -102 |
| Houston | -115 | at Seattle | -105 |
| **National League FAVORITE** | **LINE** | **UNDERDOG** | **LINE** |
| at Chicago Cubs | off | Miami | off |
| at NY Mets | -220 | Colorado | +184 |
| Milwaukee | -120 | at San Fran. | +102 |
| at Arizonoa | -142 | Washington | +121 |
| at San Diego | -112 | LA Dodgers | -107 |
| **Interleague FAVORITE** | **LINE** | **UNDERDOG** | **LINE** |
| at St. Louois | -215 | Detroit | +180 |
| Toronto | -142 | at Pittsburgh | +121 |
| at Cincinnati | -120 | Chi. White Sox | +100 |
| at Philadelphia | -137 | Boston | +117 |
| at Atlanta | -232 | Baltimore | +193 |

**NHL PLAYOFFS — SATURDAY**

| FAVORITE | LINE | UNDERDOG | LINE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Edmonton | -120 | at Vegas | +100 |

*For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/*

## HORSE RACING

### 149TH KENTUCKY DERBY
**Race 12 Saturday at Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky. Stakes, Purse $3,000,000. For Three-Year-Olds, With An Entry Fee Of $25,000 Each And A Starting Fee Of $25,000 Each. One And On- Fourth Miles.**

| PP | HORSE | ST-1-2-3 | TRAINER | JOCKEY | ODDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hit Show | 2-1-1-0 | Brad H. Cox | Manuel Franco | 30-1 |
| 2 | Verifying | 3-1-1-0 | Brad H. Cox | Tyler Gaffalione | 24-1 |
| 3 | Two Phil's | 3-1-1-1 | Larry Rivelli | Jareth Loveberry | 9-1 |
| 4 | Confidence Game | 2-1-0-1 | J. Keith Desormeaux | James Graham | 20-1 |
| 5 | Tapit Trice | 3-3-0-0 | Todd A. Pletcher | Luis Saez | 5-1 |
| 6 | Kingsbarns | 3-3-0-0 | Todd A. Pletcher | José Ortiz | 11-1 |
| 7 | Reincarnate | 3-1-0-2 | Tim Yakteen | John Velazquez | 17-1 |
| 8 | Mage | 3-1-1-0 | Gustavo Delgado | Javier Castellano | 17-1 |
| 11 | Disarm | 3-0-2-1 | Steven M. Asmussen | Joel Rosario | 30-1 |
| 12 | Jace's Road | 2-0-0-1 | Brad H. Cox | Florent Geroux | 32-1 |
| 13 | Sun Thunder | 4-0-1-0 | Kenneth G. McPeek | Brian Hernandez Jr. | 26-1 |
| 14 | Angel of Empire | 3-2-1-0 | Brad H. Cox | Flavien Prat | 6-1 |
| 15 | Forte | 2-2-0-0 | Todd A. Pletcher | Irad Ortiz Jr. | 5-1 |
| 16 | Raise Cain | 3-1-0-0 | Ben Colbrook | Gerardo Corrales | 34-1 |
| 17 | Derma Sotogake (JPN) | 2-1-0-1 | Hidetaka Otonashi | Christophe Lemaire | 10-1 |
| 18 | Rocket Can | 3-1-1-0 | William I. Mott | Junior Alvarado | 33-1 |
| 21 | Cyclone Mischief | 4-1-0-2 | Dale L. Romans | Joel Rosario | 49-1 |
| 22 | Mandarin Hero (JPN) | 2-0-2-0 | Terunobu Fujita | Kazushi Kimura | 36-1 |
| 23 | King Russell | 3-1-2-0 | Ron Moquett | Rafael Bejarano | 55-1 |

ST-1-2-3---2023record (starts, 1st-2nd, 3rd). source: equibase.com

## TENNIS

### MUTUA MADRID OPEN
**Friday at Caja Magica, Madrid, Red clay, outdoors**
**MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS**
#1Carlos Alcaraz d.
#17Borna Coric, 6-4, 6-3.
Jan-Lennard Struff d.
Aslan Karatsev, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

### WTA L'OPEN 35 DE SAINT-MALO
**Friday at Tennis Club J.A Saint-Malo Saint-Malo, France, Red clay**
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS**
Katie Volynets d.
#7Magdalena Frech, 6-3, 6-3.
Greet Minnen d.
#8Emma Navarro (8), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Sloane Stephens d.
Jessika Ponchet, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.
Elina Svitolina d.
Leolia Jeanjean, 6-3, 6-1.

### WTA CATALONIA OPEN
**Friday at Club Tennis Reus Monterols, Reus, Spain, Red-Clay**
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS**
Dayana Yastremska d.
#1Jil Teichmann, 7-6, 7-6(1).
#2Sorana Cirstea d.
#7Catherine McNally, 6-2, 6-3.
#3Lauren Davis d.
Camila Osorio, 6-4, 6-3.
Elizabeth Mandlik d.
Nuria Parrizas Diaz, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

## SOCCER

### MLS

| EASTERN | W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 6 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 16 | 9 |
| Cincinnati | 6 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 13 | 11 |
| Atlanta | 5 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 19 | 16 |
| Nashville | 4 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 11 | 6 |
| New York City FC | 4 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 11 |
| Columbus | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 19 | 12 |
| D.C. United | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 14 | 13 |
| Orlando City | 4 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 10 |
| Toronto FC | 2 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 13 |
| Philadelphia | 3 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 14 | 13 |
| Chicago | 2 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 13 | 13 |
| Inter Miami CF | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 10 |
| CF Montréal | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 17 |
| Charlotte FC | 2 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 19 |
| N.Y. Red Bulls | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 10 |
| **WESTERN** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **PT** | **GF** | **GA** |
| Seattle | 6 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 17 | 7 |
| Saint Louis City SC | 6 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 22 | 12 |
| Los Angeles FC | 5 | 0 | 3 | 18 | 16 | 6 |
| FC Dallas | 4 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 11 |
| San Jose | 4 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 13 | 13 |
| Houston | 4 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 10 | 8 |
| Minnesota United | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 8 |
| Portland | 3 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 16 |
| Vancouver | 2 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 7 |
| Real Salt Lake | 3 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 17 |
| Austin FC | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 14 |
| Colorado | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 11 |
| LA Galaxy | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 14 |
| Sporting KC | 0 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 15 |

Three points for win, one point for tie.

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**
New York City FC at Charlotte FC, 6:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Cincinnati, 6:30p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30p.m.
Orlando City at CF Montréal, 6:30p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6:30p.m.
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, 6:30p.m.
New England at Toronto FC, 6:30p.m.
St. Louis City SC at FC Dallas, 7:30p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Houston, 7:30p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 7:30p.m.
Colorado at LA Galaxy, 9:30p.m.
Austin FC at Portland, 9:30p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 9:30p.m.

**SUNDAY'S MATCH**
Sporting KC at Seattle, 3:30p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**
Saint Louis City SC at Chicago, noon
Charlotte FC at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Orlando City at Columbus, 6:30p.m.
Nashville at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
New England at Miami, 6:30p.m.
Toronto FC at CF Montréal, 6:30p.m.
New York City FC at New York, 6:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Austin FC, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 7:30p.m.
Minnesota at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 8:30p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 9:30p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 8:30p.m.

### NWSL

| CLUB | W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portland | 3 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 14 | 5 |
| OL Reign | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 5 |
| San Diego | 3 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 7 |
| Washington | 2 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| Gotham FC | 3 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| Houston | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Kansas City | 2 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| North Carolina | 2 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| Angel City | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 10 |
| Louisville | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| Chicago | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 13 |
| Orlando | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 11 |

*Three points for win, one point for tie.*

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**
San Diego at Washington, noon
Louisville at Orlando, 6p.m.
Portland at North Carolina, 6p.m.
Houston at OL Reign, 9p.m.

**SUNDAY'S MATCHES**
Gotham FC at Chicago, 5p.m.
Kansas City at Angel City, 7p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**
Chicago at Louisville, 6:30p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7:30p.m

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**
Washington at Angel City, 9p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**
OL Reign at North Carolina, 2p.m.
Orlando at Gotham FC, 4:30p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 5p.m.

### ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

| CLUB | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | PT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Man City | 33 | 25 | 4 | 4 | 87 | 30 | 79 |
| Arsenal | 34 | 24 | 6 | 4 | 81 | 39 | 78 |
| Newcastle | 33 | 18 | 11 | 4 | 61 | 27 | 65 |
| Man United | 33 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 49 | 40 | 63 |
| Liverpool | 34 | 17 | 8 | 9 | 66 | 42 | 59 |
| Brighton | 32 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 62 | 40 | 55 |
| Tottenham | 34 | 16 | 6 | 12 | 63 | 57 | 54 |
| Aston Villa | 34 | 16 | 6 | 12 | 46 | 42 | 54 |
| Brentford | 34 | 12 | 14 | 8 | 52 | 44 | 50 |
| Fulham | 34 | 13 | 6 | 15 | 45 | 46 | 45 |
| Crystal Palace | 34 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 35 | 45 | 40 |
| Chelsea | 33 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 31 | 38 | 39 |
| Bournemouth | 34 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 36 | 64 | 39 |
| Wolverhampton | 34 | 10 | 7 | 17 | 29 | 50 | 37 |
| West Ham | 34 | 9 | 7 | 18 | 37 | 50 | 34 |
| Leicester | 34 | 8 | 6 | 20 | 46 | 59 | 30 |
| Leeds | 34 | 7 | 9 | 18 | 43 | 67 | 30 |
| Notting. Forest | 34 | 7 | 9 | 18 | 30 | 62 | 30 |
| Everton | 34 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 27 | 52 | 29 |
| Southampton | 34 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 28 | 60 | 24 |

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**
Bournemouth vs. Chelsea, 9a.m.
Man City vs. Leeds, 9a.m.
Tottenham vs. Crystal Palace, 9a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Aston Villa, 9a.m.
Liverpool vs. Brentford, 11:30a.m.
Brighton vs. Everton, 9a.m. ppd

**SUNDAY'S MATCHES**
Newcastle vs. Arsenal, 10:30a.m.
West Ham vs. Man United, 1p.m.

**MONDAY'S MATCHES**
Fulham vs. Leicester, 9a.m.
Brighton vs. Everton, 11:30a.m.
Notting. Forest vs. Southampton, 2p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**
Leeds vs. Newcastle, 6:30a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Tottenham, 9a.m.
Chelsea vs. Notting. Forest, 9a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Bournemouth, 9 a.m.
Man United vs. Wolverhampton, 9a.m.
Southampton vs. Fulham, 9a.m.
Leicester vs. Liverpool, ppd

### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
**SEMIFINALS**
**First leg, May 9 , May 10**
AC Milan vs. Inter Milan, 2p.m.
Real Madrid vs. Manchester City, 2p.m.
**Second leg, May 16, May 17**
Inter Milan vs. AC Milan, 2p.m.
Manchester City vs. Real Madrid, 2p.m.

## GOLF

### PGA WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP
**2nd of 4 rounds, at Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, N.C., 7,448 yards; Par: 71**

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| Wyndham Clark | 67-67—134 | -8 |
| Tyrrell Hatton | 69-65—134 | -8 |
| Nate Lashley | 68-66—134 | -8 |
| Sungjae Im | 69-66—135 | -7 |
| Xander Schauffele | 66-69—135 | -7 |
| Adam Scott | 67-68—135 | -7 |
| J.J. Spaun | 68-67—135 | -7 |
| Adam Svensson | 68-67—135 | -7 |
| Justin Thomas | 68-67—135 | -7 |
| Tommy Fleetwood | 65-71—136 | -6 |
| Michael Kim | 68-68—136 | -6 |
| Kyoung-Hoon Lee | 66-70—136 | -6 |
| Stewart Cink | 71-66—137 | -5 |
| Harris English | 71-66—137 | -5 |
| Max Homa | 70-67—137 | -5 |
| Beau Hossler | 68-69—137 | -5 |
| Taylor Moore | 66-71—137 | -5 |
| Kevin Streelman | 66-71—137 | -5 |
| Dylan Wu | 72-65—137 | -5 |
| Patrick Cantlay | 67-71—138 | -4 |
| Chris Kirk | 67-71—138 | -4 |
| David Lingmerth | 71-67—138 | -4 |
| Denny McCarthy | 71-67—138 | -4 |
| Matthew NeSmith | 67-71—138 | -4 |
| Ryan Palmer | 66-72—138 | -4 |
| Webb Simpson | 71-67—138 | -4 |
| Alex Smalley | 73-65—138 | -4 |
| Gary Woodland | 69-69—138 | -4 |
| Keegan Bradley | 70-69—139 | -3 |
| Hayden Buckley | 72-67—139 | -3 |
| Corey Conners | 70-69—139 | -3 |
| Matt Fitzpatrick | 69-70—139 | -3 |
| Rickie Fowler | 71-68—139 | -3 |
| Matt Kuchar | 72-67—139 | -3 |
| Trey Mullinax | 70-69—139 | -3 |
| Seamus Power | 69-70—139 | -3 |
| Brendon Todd | 71-68—139 | -3 |
| Zac Blair | 72-68—140 | -2 |
| Trace Crowe | 70-70—140 | -2 |
| MJ Daffue | 70-70—140 | -2 |
| Austin Eckroat | 70-70—140 | -2 |
| Harrison Endycott | 74-66—140 | -2 |
| Tony Finau | 71-69—140 | -2 |
| Doug Ghim | 71-69—140 | -2 |
| Emiliano Grillo | 67-73—140 | -2 |
| Viktor Hovland | 71-69—140 | -2 |
| Stephan Jaeger | 70-70—140 | -2 |
| Si Woo Kim | 68-72—140 | -2 |
| Tom Kim | 67-73—140 | -2 |
| Keith Mitchell | 69-71—140 | -2 |
| Francesco Molinari | 72-68—140 | -2 |
| Chad Ramey | 69-71—140 | -2 |
| Sam Stevens | 70-70—140 | -2 |
| Jimmy Walker | 72-68—140 | -2 |
| Ryan Armour | 70-71—141 | -1 |
| Akshay Bhatia | 72-69—141 | -1 |
| Joseph Bramlett | 72-69—141 | -1 |
| Cameron Davis | 71-70—141 | -1 |
| Nick Hardy | 71-70—141 | -1 |
| Kramer Hickok | 67-74—141 | -1 |
| Mark Hubbard | 72-69—141 | -1 |
| Rory McIlroy | 68-73—141 | -1 |
| Henrik Norlander | 70-71—141 | -1 |
| Justin Suh | 72-69—141 | -1 |
| Callum Tarren | 70-71—141 | -1 |
| Sahith Theegala | 67-74—141 | -1 |

### HANWHA LIFEPLUS INTERNATIONAL CROWN
**Friday's second round at TPC Harding Park, San Francisco, 6,550 yards Par 72.**
**ROUND-ROBIN DAY 2**
TEAM STANDINGS

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| (8)China | 01 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| (5)England | 00 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
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| (6)Thailand | 04 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| (7)Austria | 3½ | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| (3)Japan | ½ | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| (2)Korea | 00 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**FRIDAY'S FOUR-BALL**
Madelene Sagstrom/Maja Stark (SWE) d. Ruoning Yin/Xiyu Lin (CHN), **2& 1**
Anna Nordqvist/Caroline Hedwall (SWE) d. Yu Liu/Ruixin Liu (CHN), **2&1**
Minjee Lee/Steph Kyriacou (AUS) d. Nasa Hataoka/Ayaka Furue (JPN), **2up**
Hinako Shibuno/Yuka Saso (JPN) vs. Hannah Green/Sarah Kemp (AUS), **Tied**
Lilia Vu/Nelly Korda (USA) d. Alice Hewson/Liz Young (ENG), **2& 1**
Danielle Kang/Lexi Thompson (USA) d. Bronte Law/Jodi Ewart Shadoff (ENG), **3 & 2**
Patty Tavatanakit/Atthaya Thitikul (THA) d. Jin Young Ko/

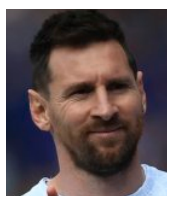
# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

**SHORTS**

## Nadal says he will miss Italian Open

Rafael Nadal won't be able to play the Italian Open either as he remains hampered by a nagging hip injury. "I'm sorry to announce that I won't be able to be in Rome," Nadal said in a Twitter post in Spanish on Friday. "You all know how much it hurts me to miss another one of the tournaments that has a place in my career as a professional and a person as well as for the support my Italian fans show me." Nadal has won the Italian Open a record 10 times. The 22-time Grand Slam winner has been sidelined since January by a left hip flexor injury he picked up at the Australian Open. The issue had already kept him from playing at Indian Wells, Miami, Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Madrid. Nadal said even though he feels better he is not ready to play. "Despite noting an improvement in recent days, it has been several months since I have been able to train at a high level," he wrote. "The re-adaptation process needs its time, and I don't have any choice other than to accept that." The 36-year-old Nadal did not mention his prospects for being fit for the French Open starting on May 28.

## Messi apologizes for unapproved trip



Lionel Messi apologized to Paris Saint-Germain and his teammates on Friday for going to Saudi Arabia on an unauthorized trip that resulted in his suspension. Messi posted a short video on Instagram to ask for forgiveness and chalk up the controversy to a scheduling misunderstanding. He missed practice on Monday while he was on a promotional trip to Saudi Arabia, and a day later the French club announced it suspended the World Cup winner. Messi said he thought the team had Monday off. "Hello, I wanted to make this video about what is happening. First of all, ask for forgiveness from my teammates and the club. Honestly, I thought we were going to have an off day as it had been the case in the weeks prior. I had this trip to (Saudi) Arabia organized, which I had canceled before, and this time I couldn't cancel. Again, ask for forgiveness from what I did and I will be waiting for whatever the club decides. Hugs." Earlier on Friday, coach Christophe Galtier said the club and Messi will wait until the end of his suspension to discuss how he finishes the season.

## Harvey announces retirement at 34

Matt Harvey announced Friday he's retiring from baseball after a nine-year pitching career highlighted by his time as the Mets' "Dark Knight." Harvey, whose star faded amid injuries and a late-career suspension for drug distribution, thanked fans for making "a dream come true" in his Instagram post announcing his retirement. Harvey was selected seventh overall by the Mets in the 2010 amateur draft and made a heralded major league debut in 2012. He started the 2013 All-Star Game at Citi Field, but a little more than a month later tore the ulnar collateral ligament in his pitching elbow and needed Tommy John surgery. He returned in 2015 and went 13-8, helping the Mets reach the World Series. He was traded to the Reds in May 2018, pitched for the Angels in 2019, Royals in 2020 and Orioles in 2021. Last year, Harvey testified at the trial of a former Angels employee who was convicted of providing pitcher Tyler Skaggs the drugs that led to his overdose death in 2019. Harvey was one of four players who admitted to receiving oxycodone pills from the ex-employee. —*AP*

Kentucky Derby entrant Forte works out Thursday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. **CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP**

**KENTUCKY DERBY** COMMENTARY

# Casting a shadow

### The stench of death hangs over the Kentucky Derby

**By Paul Newberry**
Associated Press

They'll come by the tens of thousands for the party of the year, adorned in the gaudiest of hats and sipping on mint juleps, witnesses to the most thrilling two minutes in sports.

Hopefully, they won't ignore the stench of death that hangs over the Kentucky Derby and its magnificent athletes. Four horses perished in the past week at Churchill Downs, again raising troubling questions about the sport of kings ahead of the 149th run for the roses on Saturday. If this can happen at the world's most famous track, with the eyes of the world focused on its biggest race, what's happening when no one is looking?

Is enough being done to make this sport as safe as possible for 1,200-pound thoroughbreds that can reach top speeds of 45 mph?

"I don't think we're close to that right now," said Wayne Pacelle, president of Animal Wellness Action and a long-time advocate for greater regulation of the racing industry. "When you're in competition, there are risks. I don't think a zero-injury or zero-death standard is achievable. But we can do so much better than the present circumstances."

It's hard to argue with that point.

According to a database kept by the Jockey Club, which oversees the breed registry for thoroughbreds in the United States and Canada, more than 7,200 horses died in races from 2009-21.

"There's a lot less injuries here with legs than there are in other sports, but here it means your life is over," said Mike Repole, co-owner of early Derby favorite Forte.

There's no getting around that some horses will break down on the track, and many of those will be catastrophic injuries that require them to be euthanized. The risk of paying the ultimate price can never be removed from such a perilous sport. But four deaths so close to the Derby have rocked the industry, much like more than 40 deaths during the 2019 racing season at California's Santa Anita track forced a reckoning over health and safety issues. Churchill Downs indefinitely suspended trainer Saffie Joseph Jr., who worked with two horses that collapsed on the track and died after races. Lord Miles, who also was trained by Joseph, was scratched from the Derby. Kudos for that decision, even though Joseph insisted he had done nothing wrong and there hasn't been a finding on why either of his horses died.

"It shatters you," Joseph said, his voice breaking. "Anyone around me knows how much I care about my horses."

Pacelle said it was highly unusual for two horses from the same stable to die under such circumstances.

"The sort of people who know something about the sport find it incredibly unusual that 4-year-old and 5-year-old horses dropped dead after their races," he said. "It wasn't like they broke a leg and had to be euthanized. It's just a sudden-death circumstance — and two horses with that end-of-life circumstance."

In the wake of the Santa Anita carnage, new rules were written to address track safety, the health of the horses, and a hodge-podge of doping rules that varied from state to state. Part of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) took effect last summer, but new antidoping rules have been delayed by court challenges that seemed largely designed to maintain the status quo.

Sadly, those regulations won't be implemented until after the first two legs of the 2023 Triple Crown.

Too late for the four horses that died at Churchill Downs.

"We should have had federal authority in place by now for testing horses and making sure the race day anti-doping provisions and other provisions of the law were being enforced," Pacelle said. "It's like the Miami Dolphins having different rules in Florida for football compared to the Detroit Lions."

Horse racing, by its very nature, will always have a bit of a PR problem compared to other sports.

"If every athlete, when they break their leg they have to be put down, you'd stop sports. You'd have to," Repole said. "You see a football player carried out. Unfortunately, if that happened to a horse, he gets more than carried out."

Horse racing needs to demonstrate once and for all that it truly cares about the athletes at the heart of its sport. The safety rules are a good start. Doping guidelines that apply across the nation will help even more. But that won't be the end of it.

Breeding practices that produce faster horses but perhaps increase the risk of other health problems is the next big frontier that needs to be addressed.

"No one has moved into this area," Pacelle said. "The industry needs to pick it up, but the problem is — just like getting trainers to stop doping voluntarily — are you going to do something that might make your horses a tad bit slower? You're worried that a competitor is not going to do this and you're going to lose the race."

There are some encouraging signs at Churchill Downs.

Bob Baffert, the sport's most famous trainer, won't be at the track Saturday. He's still serving a two-year ban that was imposed after his 2021 Derby winner, Medina Spirit, failed a post-race drug test and was disqualified. Joseph won't be there, either.

Here's to those 19 horses that will burst from the starting gate at the Kentucky Derby.

May they all make it to the finish line safely.

May the roses be red, not black.

*AP Racing Writer Beth Harris contributed to this report.*

**COLLEGE**

# Alabama scandal may bring change

**By Ralph D. Russo**
Associated Press

Alabama fired its baseball coach this week amid an investigation into suspicious bets involving a Crimson Tide game at LSU.

The school did not give details about why Brad Bohannon was let go, saying only that he violated "the standards, duties, and responsibilities expected of university employees."

This appears to be the first major gambling scandal in college sports since a Supreme Court decision five years ago paved the way for states to legalize wagering on sporting events.

How were potential improprieties spotted? And what have schools and conferences been doing to safeguard competition since legal sports betting has become widespread in the United States?

Alabama head baseball coach Brad Bohannon was fired amid an investigation into suspicious bets. **MICHAEL JOHNSON/ THE ADVOCATE**

### Red flag

Alabama lost 8-6 at top-ranked LSU on April 28 in a game in which the Crimson Tide's top starting pitcher was a late scratch with an injury.

A Louisiana gambling official who received a report from an sports integrity monitor said two bets were placed in Ohio at a sportsbook located in the Reds stadium, Great American Ball Park. Matthew Holt, the president of U.S. Integrity, said the operators of the sportsbook alerted his company to "abnormal activity." U.S. Integrity alerted state gambling and gaming associations. After collecting information from other states, U.S. Integrity reported back to Ohio regulators, who opened an investigation.

Sporting events all over the world are monitored for potential issues. Holt said U.S. Integrity sends out about 15 alerts per month to sportsbook operators, sports leagues and organizing bodies it has as clients.

### Why did other states suspend wagering on Alabama baseball?

New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Indiana also pulled Alabama baseball off their boards.

"You have to remember this is really new in a lot of these states and they're still figuring out how they want to handle it," Holt said.

### How is sports wagering monitored?

U.S. Integrity, for example, analyzes data that includes real-time odds and wagering at sportsbooks to try to spot irregular activity. The company also monitors online chatter on social media and other websites.

"All kinds of information, some of which human beings are looking through, some of which the machines are identifying using algorithms," he said. "The second way alerts are catalyzed, which is what happened in this instance, is operators identify some type of abnormal, nefarious, suspicious activity."

### Scandals

College sports has had its share of gambling-related scandals through the years, including point-shaving in basketball and football where the final scores of games were improperly impacted.

Initial indications are what happened with Alabama baseball was not point-shaving. No evidence indicates athletes were involved.

The NFL recently suspended five players for violating the league's gambling rules. Holt said the Alabama case is different.

"What we're not used to is it involving a coach," Holt said. "I think the coach is supposed to be the mentor, the role model. And that's the difference here."

ESPN reported that sportsbook surveillance video indicated the person who made the suspicious bets in Cincinnati on Alabama's game was speaking with Bohannon on the phone at the time.

### Oversight

The NCAA, the largest governing body for college sports in the country, prohibits athletes and athletic department employees from gambling — even legally. And conferences partnered with integrity monitors even before legalized wagering on sporting events became pervasive.

But college sports leaders have looked for both increased protections and ways to tap into the gambling revenue streams over the last five years. The Mid-American Conference was the first to jump in, licensing the rights to its data and statistics to a company called Genius Sports, which will in turn sell it to sportsbooks under a five-year deal announced in 2022.

SPORTS EXTRA

Saturday, May 6, 2023

SPECIAL E-EDITION PREVIEW SECTION

# KENTUCKY DERBY

Jockey Ron Turcotte rides Secretariat to victory in the Kentucky Derby on May 5, 1973, at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. **AP**

**149th Kentucky Derby**
**Post time:** 6:57 p.m. EDT Saturday
**TV:** NBC

# SECRETARIAT

## Why the horse that rumbled to a Triple Crown 50 years ago still resonates today

**John Clay** | Lexington Herald-Leader

Over the past five decades, talented racehorses have come and gone, their brilliance lighting up the sky for a moment in time, only to fade and all but disappear from our memory. Except for Secretariat. In this the 50-year anniversary of his historic Triple Crown, the name Secretariat remains etched in stone as a once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon. Even now, he is almost as popular as ever, the name Secretariat being easily the first Thoroughbred racehorse that comes to the mind of race fans and non-race fans alike.

Ron Turcotte rides Secretariat to the 1973 Kentucky Derby title at Churchill Downs. Secretariat and Turcotte would go on to win the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes, becoming the first Triple Crown winner since Citation in 1948. **CORBIS VIA GETTY**

Put it this way: Baseball has its Babe Ruth. Boxing has its Muhammad Ali. Soccer has its Pele. Football has its Jim Brown. Horse racing has its Secretariat.

Why is that?

"He accomplished one of the greatest feats in sports history," said Tom Hammond, the Lexington native who was the longtime on-air host of NBC Sports' coverage of the Triple Crown.

"I think most of us consider him to be the greatest racehorse we've ever seen in our lifetime, and by a wide margin," said veteran racing writer Bill Finley, who has covered the sport for the New York Daily News, New York Post and New York Times and now writes for Thoroughbred Daily News.

True, but Secretariat's enduring popularity goes deeper than that.

"I think the country was looking for a hero at that time," said Claiborne Farm's Seth Hancock, who as a 25-year-old led the syndication of Secretariat's breeding rights for a then-record $6 million. "We were coming out of the Vietnam War and the country was not in a great place. Everybody was looking for something or somebody to look up to. And he just happened to come along.

"And of course he was a big, glamorous son of a gun and then when he had the kind of talent that he showed in the Triple Crown, I think that had a lot to do with it."

"He had charisma," Hammond said. "He did it with panache. He had flashy colors and he had a regal way about him. And he had his greatest fame at a time when America needed a boost."

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**ANALYSIS**

# Will winning be fave's Forte?

Forte walks through the barn area prior to morning workouts Friday in preparation for the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. **STACY REVERE/GETTY**

## Horse is expected to win the 2023 Kentucky Derby, but how often does the favorite actually win the race?

**By Cameron Drummond**
Lexington Herald-Leader

LEXINGTON, Ky. — As Kentucky Derby discourse reaches a fever pitch ahead of Saturday's race, something that can't be disputed is the hierarchy of this year's 20-horse field, in particular at the top.

Forte is the clear favorite to win the Run for the Roses.

Trained by Todd Pletcher and ridden by Irad Ortiz, Forte was installed as the morning-line favorite at 3-1 odds following Monday afternoon's post-position draw at Churchill Downs in Louisville. Forte was drawn into post No. 15 for the race.

His credentials are worthy of his position as the race favorite: Forte has won six of seven career starts, including five straight.

This five-race winning streak all came in graded stakes races, and includes the Grade 1 Claiborne Breeders' Futurity and Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Keeneland, as well as the Grade 1 Florida Derby in early April.

But simply being the morning-line race favorite doesn't give you the Kentucky Derby title.

Justify in 2018 was the last race-time favorite to win the Derby, which is the position Forte is expected to occupy come Saturday at 6:57 p.m.

So with this in mind — and given the framing of the 2023 Kentucky Derby as a Forte vs. the field showdown — let's look at how race-time favorites have historically performed in the race.

Information used is from the pari-mutuel wager era (since 1908).

In the pari-mutuel era, favorites win more than a third of the time

The Kentucky Derby has been contested 115 times since 1908, and the post-time favorite has won the race 40 times.

This includes instances when there have been co-favorites at race time. For example, the 1973 Kentucky Derby won by Secretariat counts in this total despite Secretariat being a co-favorite for the Derby with Angle Light (who ended up finishing 10th).

This 40-for-115 success mark represents a 34.78% winning rate for Kentucky Derby favorites when they leave the starting gate.

This means Derby favorites tend to win the race slightly more than one-third of the time.

Of course, trends have emerged within this broad data set. The race-time Kentucky Derby favorite won six straight editions of the race from 2013-2018, and there was also a run of four straight favorites winning from 1972-1975.

Additionally, there have also been lengthy droughts where the Derby favorite hasn't finished first.

Most notably this occurred from 1980 through 1999, when 20 editions of the Kentucky Derby passed without the favorite winning.

While the Derby favorite hasn't won in the last four editions of the race, none of them have completely flopped on the First Saturday in May.

Improbable was fourth in 2019. Tiz the Law ran second in 2020. Essential Quality was third in 2021. Last year, favorite Epicenter had the lead in the stretch before finishing second behind historic long shot Rich Strike.

Want a safe Derby bet? Take the favorite to finish in the money

It's not going to make you rich. It's not going to make you cool. But if you want a safe bet for the Kentucky Derby that won't lose you money, taking the Kentucky Derby favorite to finish in the money is the way to go.

In the 115 editions of the Kentucky Derby in the pari-mutuel wagering era (since 1908), the Derby favorite has finished in the top three on 73 occasions.

This is an in-the-money success rate of 63.48%, and again includes instances when two horses were co-favorites for the Derby come race time.

Simply put, the Kentucky Derby favorite (or one of the horses sharing that title) finished in the top three in nearly two-thirds of all races since 1908.

If nothing else, a financial interest in the Derby favorite is at least extremely likely to keep you invested in the entirety of the most exciting two minutes in sports.

Since 1908, the only Derby favorite at race time to not finish the race was Demons Begone in 1987.

Only 10 horses finished worse than 12th after leaving the starting gate as the Kentucky Derby favorite since 1908 — Cherry Pie (20th in 1923), Picketer (15th in 1923), Bay Beauty (13th in 1929), Proud Appeal (18th in 1981), Golden Derby (21st in 1981), Total Departure (20th in 1983), Althea (19th in 1984), Demons Begone (DNF in 1987), Serena's Song (16th in 1995) and Friesan Fire (18th in 2009).

**LOOKING AHEAD**

# Is there a potential Triple Crown winner in this year's Derby field?

**John Clay**
Lexington Herald-Leader

LEXINGTON, Ky. — There have been four Triple Crown winners since Secretariat snapped a 25-year drought in 1973. Seattle Slew and Affirmed were back-to-back Triple Crown winners in 1977 and 1978, respectively. After a 37-year gap, American Pharoah won the Triple Crown in 2015, followed by Justify in 2018.

During that nearly four decades without a Triple Crown winner, plenty of skeptics voiced the belief we would never see another Triple Crown winner.

Claiborne Farm's Seth Hancock, who led the $6 million breeding syndication of Secretariat in 1973, was not one of them.

"Never got to that point," Hancock said. "And since I lived it, the last part of the first gap between Citation and Secretariat, I always said, yeah, I know all about it.

"And everybody said the races are too close and there'll never be another one. I said not only will there be another one, there will be three or four in a 12- or 15-year span. Sure enough, we've had two of them and I'd bet you over the next 10 years we'll have a couple of more."

Are there any potential Triple Crown winners in the field for the 149th Kentucky Derby on May 6 at Churchill Downs? Possibly.

Here are four Derby horses who appear capable of becoming the 14th to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes:

### Forte

Trained by Todd Pletcher and owned by Mike Repole and Vinnie Viola of St. Elias Stables, Forte won the Eclipse Award for 2-year-old champion after winning the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga and the Breeders' Futurity and Breeders' Cup Juvenile, both at Keeneland.

As a 3-year-old, Forte has won the Fountain of Youth and Florida Derby, bringing his lifetime record to six victories in seven starts. His sire is Grade 1 winner Violence. And Pletcher has two Derby victories to his credit with Super Saver in 2010 and Always Dreaming in 2017. Viola's St. Elias Stable was a part owner of Always Dreaming.

Forte's Florida Derby performance was particularly impressive considering the colt was forced to rally and use a five-wide move to win the race by a length. "I thought it was spectacular," Pletcher said afterward.

### Angel of Empire

Trained by Brad Cox, Angel of Empire is coming off wins in the Grade 2 Risen Star at Fair Grounds and the Grade 1 Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn. He's won four of his six career starts, with a runner-up finish in the Smarty Jones at Oaklawn on New Year's Day. He's a son of Arkansas Derby winner Classic Empire, who finished fourth in the 2017 Kentucky Derby.

Cox won the 2021 Kentucky Derby when runner-up Mandaloun was declared the winner after Medina Spirit was disqualified. Cox had four winners in the 2020 Breeders' Cup at Keeneland, catapulting him to the Eclipse Award for top trainer. He was the repeat winner in 2021.

### Tapit Trice

Also trained by Pletcher, Tapit Trice has won four straight races, including the Grade 3 Tampa Bay Derby on March 11 and the Blue Grass Stakes on April 8. He is 4 of 5 lifetime with his lone loss being a third-place finish in his career debut Nov. 6 at Aqueduct.

A son of leading sire Tapit, Tapit Trice was purchased for $1.3 million by Amanda Pope's Whisper Hill Farm at the 2021 Keeneland September Sale. Pope owns the colt in a partnership with Antony Beck's Gainesway Stable.

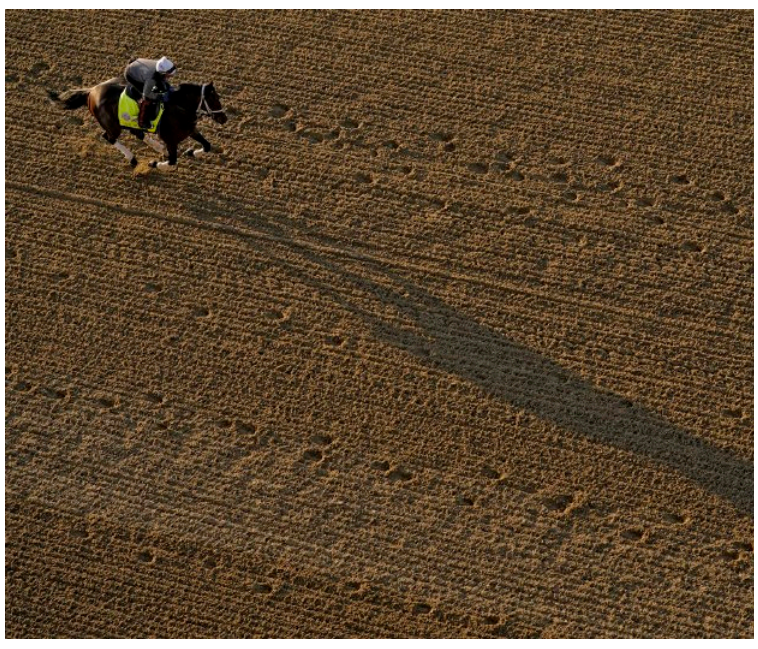
"She deserves all the success that she's getting," Pletcher said of Pope, who has a history of paying top dollar at equine sales. "She's a big fan of the industry and she's developed a great broodmare band with a lot of quality horses."

### Derma Sotogake

The winner of the UAE Derby in impressive fashion, Derma Sotogake is a Japanese-bred and raced colt owned by Hiroyuki Asanuma and trained by Hidetaka Otonashi.

His sire, Mind Your Biscuits, won the Grade 1 Dubai Golden Shaheen in 2018 but finished 11th in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Still, Derma Sotogake is considered a top Kentucky Derby contender after posting wins in four of his last five races.

After a pair of Japanese horses posted wins in the 2021 Breeders' Cup at Del Mar, it could be only a matter of time before a colt from Japan wins the Kentucky Derby. And more.



Kentucky Derby entrant Angel of Empire works out at Churchill Downs Thursday for the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby. **CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP**

Tapit Trice runs during the morning training for the Kentucky Derby on Thursday in Louisville, Kentucky. **ANDY LYONS/GETTY**

THE FIELD

# Breaking it down

Kentucky is not just the "horse capital of the world" because the Kentucky Derby happens to be here. It's the horse capital of the world because almost all the contenders for this signature American classic are born and bred in the commonwealth. This year, 17 of the 20 horses originally entered in the Derby were born in the Bluegrass. Here's a rundown of all the horse farms that nurtured Saturday's runners, listed in post-position order with morning-line odds. Cyclone Mischief (30-1), Mandarin Hero (20-1) and King Russell (50-1) were added after a trio of scratches late this week.

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## 1. HIT SHOW (30-1)

**Foaled:** May 9, 2020, at Dell Ridge Farm in Lexington.
**Jockey:** Manuel Franco.
**Trainer:** Brad H. Cox.
**Owner:** Gary and Mary West.
**Breeder:** Gary and Mary West Stables Inc.
**Sire:** Candy Ride.
**Dam:** Actress.
**Record:** Three wins and a second in five starts, 60 Derby points.
**Notes:** Hit Show won the Withers Stakes at Aqueduct and was second in the Wood Memorial Stakes.

## 2. VERIFYING (15-1)

**Foaled:** May 11, 2020, at Hunter Valley Farm in Versailles.
**Jockey:** Tyler Gaffalione.
**Trainer:** Brad H. Cox.
**Owner:** Jonathan Poulin, Westerberg, Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith and Michael B. Tabor.
**Breeder:** Hunter Valley and Mountmellick Farm.
**Sire:** Justify.
**Dam:** Diva Delite.
**Record:** Two wins and two seconds in six starts, 54 Derby points.
**Notes:** Verifying was second in the Champagne Stakes, sixth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

## 3. TWO PHIL'S (12-1)

**Foaled:** March 16, 2020, at Spruceton Farm in Lexington.
**Jockey:** Jareth Loveberry.
**Trainer:** Larry Rivelli.
**Owner:** Patricia's Hope and Phillip Sagan.
**Breeder:** Phillip Sagan.
**Sire:** Hard Spun.
**Dam:** Mia Torri.
**Record:** Four wins, one second and one third place in eight starts, 123 Derby points.
**Notes:** Two Phil's was second in the Lecomte Stakes and third in the Risen Star Stakes, both at Fair Grounds, before winning the Jeff Ruby Steaks at Turfway Park.

## 4. CONFIDENCE GAME (20-1)

**Foaled:** April 23, 2020, at Summer Wind Farm in Georgetown.
**Jockey:** James Graham.
**Trainer:** Keith Desormeaux.
**Owner:** Don't Tell My Wife Stables.
**Breeder:** Summer Wind Equine.
**Sire:** Candy Ride.
**Dam:** Eblouissante.
**Record:** Three wins, a second and two thirds in seven starts, 57 Derby points.
**Notes:** Confidence Game was fifth in the Iroquois Stakes at Churchill Downs, was third in the Lecomte Stakes at Fair Grounds and won the Rebel Stakes at Oaklawn Park.

## 5. TAPIT TRICE (5-1)

**Foaled:** Feb. 17, 2020, at Gainesway Farm in Lexington.
**Jockey:** Luis Saez.
**Trainer:** Todd Pletcher.
**Owner:** Whisper Hill Farm and Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck).
**Breeder:** Gainesway Thoroughbreds.
**Sire:** Tapit.
**Dam:** Danzatrice.
**Record:** Four wins and one third place in five starts, 150 Derby points.
**Notes:** Tapit Trice won the Tampa Bay Derby and the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland.

## 6. KINGSBARNS (12-1)

**Foaled:** Jan. 17, 2020, at Springhouse Farm in Lexington.
**Jockey:** Jose Ortiz Jr.
**Trainer:** Todd A. Pletcher.
**Owner:** Spendthrift Farm.
**Breeder:** Parks Investment Group.
**Sire:** Uncle Mo.
**Dam:** Lady Tapit.
**Record:** Three wins in three starts, 100 Derby points.
**Notes:** Kingsbarns won the Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds.

## 7. REINCARNATE (50-1)

**Foaled:** April 1, 2020, born at Woods Edge Farm in Lexington.
**Jockey:** John R. Velazquez.
**Trainer:** Tim Yakteen.
**Owner:** SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital and Catherine Donovan.
**Breeder:** Woods Edge Farm.
**Sire:** Good Magic.
**Dam:** Allanah.
**Notes:** Won the Sham Stakes at Santa Anita Park, was third in the Arkansas Derby.

## 8. MAGE (15-1)

**Foaled:** April 18, 2020, at Runnymede Farm in Paris.
**Jockey:** Javier Castellano.
**Trainer:** Gustavo Delgado.
**Owner:** OGMA Investments; Restrepo, Ramiro, Sterling Racing; and CMNWLTH.
**Breeder:** Grandview Equine.
**Sire:** Good Magic.
**Dam:** Puca.
**Record:** A win and a second in three starts, 50 Derby points.
**Notes:** Mage was fourth in the Fountain of Youth Stakes and second in the Florida Derby.

## 9. SKINNER (20-1)

SCRATCH

**Foaled:** Feb. 18, 2020, at Stonestreet Farm in Lexington.
**Jockey:** Juan Hernandez.
**Trainer:** John A. Shirreffs.
**Owner:** C R K Stable.
**Breeder:** Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings.
**Sire:** Curlin.
**Dam:** Winding Way.
**Record:** One win and three thirds in six starts, 45 Derby points.
**Notes:** Skinner was sixth in the American Pharoah Stakes, third in the San Felipe Stakes and third in the Santa Anita Derby.

## 10. PRACTICAL MOVE (10-1)

SCRATCH

**Foaled:** April 30, 2020, at Dell Ridge Farm in Lexington.
**Jockey:** Ramon A. Vazquez.
**Trainer:** Tim Yakteen.
**Owner:** Leslie A. Amestoy, Pierre Jean Amestoy Jr. and Roger K. Beasley.
**Breeder:** Chad Brown and Head of Plains Partners.
**Sire:** Practical Joke.
**Dam:** Ack Naughty.
**Record:** Four firsts, one second and two thirds in seven starts, 160 Derby points.
**Notes:** Practical Move won the Los Alamitos Futurity at Los Alamitos, the San Felipe Stakes at Santa Anita Park and the Santa Anita Derby.

## 11. DISARM (30-1)

**Foaled:** Feb. 28, 2020, at Corinthia Farm in Lexington.
**Jockey:** Joel Rosario.
**Trainer:** Steven M. Asmussen.
**Owner:** Winchell Thoroughbreds.
**Breeder:** Winchell Thoroughbreds.
**Sire:** Gun Runner.
**Dam:** Easy Tap.
**Record:** One win, two seconds and two thirds in five starts, 46 Derby points.
**Notes:** Disarm was second in the Louisiana Derby and third in the Lexington Stakes.

## 12. JACE'S ROAD (50-1)

**Foaled:** April 25, 2020, at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville.
**Jockey:** Florent Geroux.
**Trainer:** Brad H. Cox.
**Owner:** West Point Thoroughbreds and Albaugh Family Stables.
**Breeder:** Colts Neck Stables.
**Sire:** Quality Road.
**Dam:** Out Post.
**Record:** Two wins and two thirds in six starts, 45 Derby points.
**Notes:** Jace's Road was third in the Iroquois Stakes at Churchill Downs, won the Gun Runner Stakes at Fair Grounds, was fifth in the Southwest Stakes at Oaklawn Park.

## 13. SUN THUNDER (50-1)

**Foaled:** March 12, 2020, at Southern Equine Farm in Midway.
**Jockey:** Brian Hernandez Jr.
**Trainer:** Kenneth G. McPeek.
**Owner:** R.T. Racing Stable and Cypress Creek Equine.
**Breeder:** Southern Equine Stables.
**Sire:** Into Mischief.
**Dam:** Greenfield D'Oro.
**Record:** One win, one second and one third in six starts, 54 Derby points.
**Notes:** Sun Thunder was fourth in the Southwest Stakes at Oaklawn Park, second in the Risen Star Stakes at Fair Grounds, fifth in the Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds.

## 14. ANGEL OF EMPIRE (8-1)

**Foaled:** April 9, 2020, in Pennsylvania.
**Jockey:** Flavien Prat.
**Trainer:** Brad H. Cox.
**Owner:** Albaugh Family Stables.
**Breeder:** Forgotten Land Investment Inc. and Black Diamond Equine Corp.
**Sire:** Classic Empire.
**Dam:** Armony's Angel.
**Record:** Four firsts and a second in six starts, 154 Derby points.
**Notes:** Angel of Empire was second in the Smarty Jones Stakes at Oaklawn, won the Risen Star Stakes at Fair Grounds in February and won the Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn on April 1.

## 15. FORTE (3-1)

**Foaled:** Feb. 3, 2020, at Gunston Hall in Lexington.
**Jockey:** Irad Ortiz Jr.
**Trainer:** Todd Pletcher.
**Owner:** Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable.
**Breeder:** South Gate Farm in Virginia.
**Sire:** Violence.
**Dam:** Queen Caroline.
**Record:** Six wins in seven starts, 190 Derby points.
**Notes:** Forte won the Breeders' Futurity and Breeders' Cup Juvenile, both at Keeneland.

## 16. RAISE CAIN (50-1)

**Foaled:** April 7, 2020, at Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds in Versailles.
**Jockey:** Gerardo Corrales.
**Trainer:** Ben Colebrook.
**Owner:** Andrew N. Warren and Rania Warren.
**Breeder:** Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds.
**Sire:** Violence.
**Dam:** Lemon Belle.
**Record:** Two wins, a second and a third in seven starts, 64 Derby points.
**Notes:** Second in the Gun Runner Stakes at Fair Grounds.

## 17. DERMA SOTOGAKE (10-1)

**Foaled:** April 28, 2020, in Japan.
**Jockey:** Christophe Lemaire.
**Trainer:** Hidetaka Otonashi
**Owner:** Hiroyuki Asanuma.
**Breeder:** Shadai Farm.
**Sire:** Mind Your Biscuits.
**Dam:** Amour Poesie.
**Record:** Four wins and two thirds in eight starts, 100 Derby points.
**Notes:** Derma Sotogake won the Zennippon Nisai Yushun in Japan and the UAE Derby at Meydan Racecourse in the United Arab Emirates.

## 18. ROCKET CAN (30-1)

**Foaled:** April 28, 2020, at WinStar Farm in Versailles.
**Jockey:** Junior Alvarado.
**Trainer:** William I. Mott.
**Owner:** Frank Fletcher Racing Operations Inc.
**Breeder:** Woodford Thoroughbreds.
**Sire:** Into Mischief.
**Dam:** Tension.
**Record:** Two wins and two seconds in seven starts, 60 Derby points.
**Notes:** Rocket Can won the Holy Bull Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

## 19. LORD MILES (30-1)

SCRATCH

**Foaled:** March 30, 2020, at Hartwell Farm in Nicholasville.
**Jockey:** Paco Lopez.
**Trainer:** Saffie A. Joseph Jr.
**Owner:** Vegso Racing Stable.
**Breeder:** Vegso Racing Stable.
**Sire:** Curlin.
**Dam:** Lady Esme.
**Record:** Two wins and a third place in five starts, 105 Derby points.
**Notes:** Lord Miles won the Wood Memorial Stakes at Aqueduct.

## 20. CONTINUAR (50-1)

SCRATCH

**Foaled:** March 7, 2020, in Japan.
**Jockey:** Ryusei Sakai.
**Trainer:** Yoshito Yahagi.
**Owner:** Lion Race Horse Co.
**Breeder:** Lake Villa Farm.
**Sire:** Drefong.
**Dam:** Pan De Ring.
**Record:** Two firsts, a second and a third in five starts; invited to Derby.
**Notes:** Continuar won the Cattleya Stakes at Tokyo Racecourse and finished third in the UAE Derby.

## Secretariat

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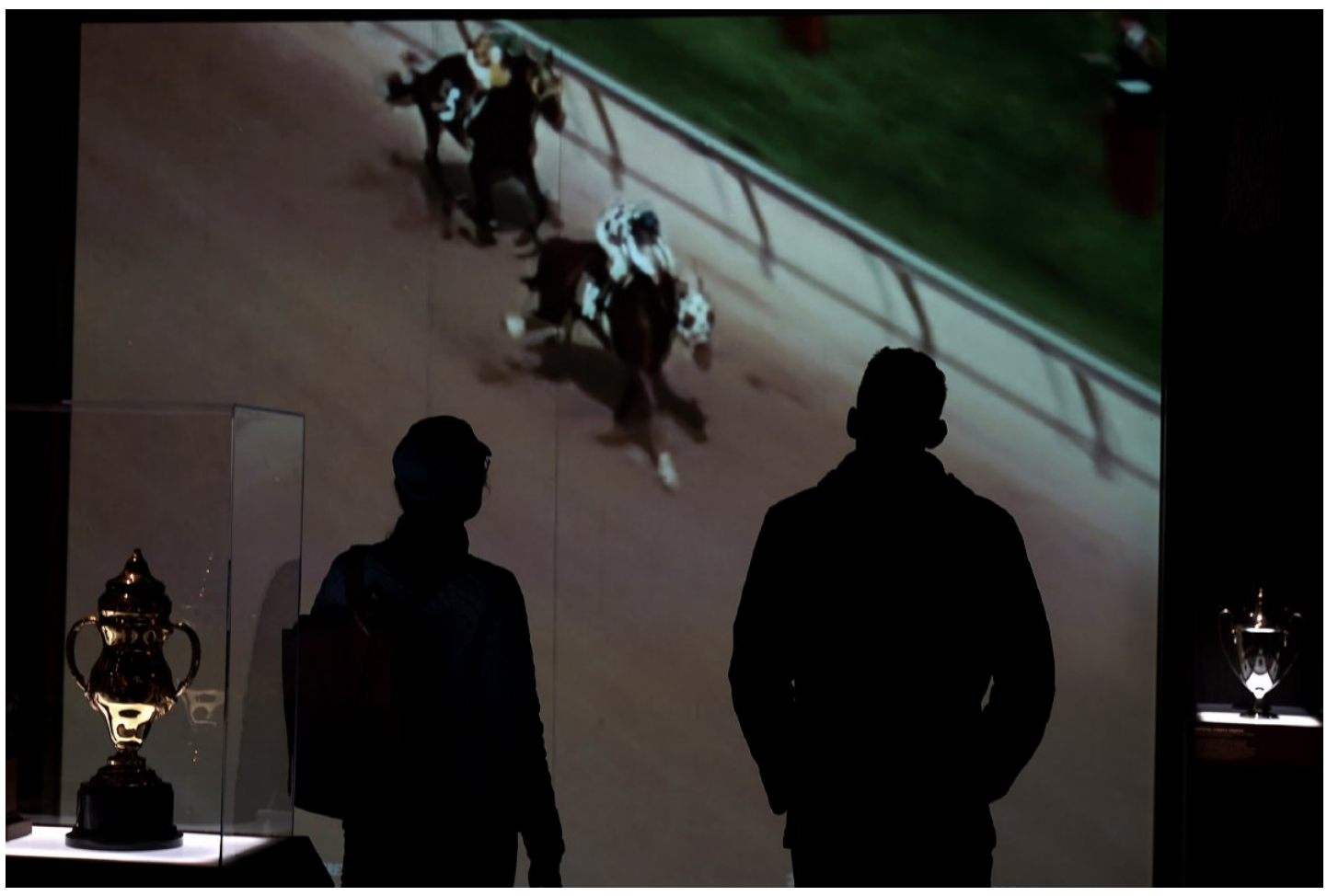
"Either he or Man o' War are the best Thoroughbreds to have ever raced," said Maryjean Wall, the Eclipse Award-winning journalist and author who covered horse racing for over 40 years for the Lexington Herald-Leader. "Old-timers talked about Man o' War then the same way we talk about Secretariat now."

Man o' War did not run in the 1920 Kentucky Derby, however. And when Secretariat came along, no horse had accomplished the sport's toughest challenge in 25 years. In 1948, Citation became the eighth horse to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont. With every failed attempt thereafter, there was the question of whether there would ever be another Triple Crown winner.

"A lot of people said it would never be done again," Hancock said, "and then when he did it and did it in such a smashing fashion. I think it really captured everybody's imagination."

"He was on the cover of Time, Newsweek and Sports Illustrated," Wall said of the famous print publications of the day. "Even if you never went to a racetrack, you had to know who Secretariat was."



People watch footage of Secretariat winning the 99th Kentucky Derby in 1973 at the Kentucky Derby museum at Churchill Downs Won ednesday in Louisville, Kentucky. **CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP**

## The Coach House and a cocktail napkin

"He was an easy horse to like because Penny was a lovely lady and people really liked her," Hancock said.

Penny was Penny Chenery. Or Penny Tweedy as she was known at the time, before her divorce from husband John Tweedy. The daughter of Christopher Chenery, she took control of the family's Meadow Stable after the death of her father and made it her mission to save the farm and racing operation.

Chris Chenery was a longtime friend of Bull Hancock, Seth's father and the man who built Claiborne Farm into an internationally known breeding establishment before his death in 1972. When Chris Chenery died in January 1973, Seth Hancock attended the funeral -- on the advice of his father's friend and partner William Haggin Perry -- and told Penny Tweedy that if he could be of any help, please call.

Six weeks later Penny Tweedy did just that to say she wanted to syndicate Secretariat's breeding rights.

"She said, 'Do you think you can handle it?'" Hancock recalled. "And I said, 'Well, we're going to have to talk price and some other things.' We met at the Coach House in Lexington. ... And I wrote down the details we had hammered out on the back of a cocktail napkin. I wish the hell I'd kept the thing, but I didn't."

That syndication figure, that astounding $6 million in 1973, only added to the intrigue and publicity. The general public had to wonder how could a horse be worth that much money?

Despite how it was portrayed in the "Secretariat" movie, Hancock said the shares were not difficult to sell. Secretariat boasted impeccable breeding. He had won the Eclipse Award for Horse of the Year in 1972 when he won seven of nine races as a 2-year-old.

"My stock line was Secretariat was syndicated for what he's done, not on what he was going to do," Hancock said. "People had a lot of loyalty to my father. And I hadn't made any mistakes yet, so they were willing to give me a chance. I was just a lucky kid who happened to be the son of Bull Hancock, that's all that was."

"Seth Hancock, I don't know if he gets the credit he deserves for all this," said Kenny Rice, the Lexingtonian who has been a part of NBC Sports' Triple Crown coverage since 2000. "He did a masterful job. In horse racing terms and managing a farm, he was still a kid, in his early 20s and to have the maturity to be able to market the horse and protect the horse's name."

## Doubts about Secretariat?

As difficult as it is to believe now, there were plenty of doubters heading into the 1973 Kentucky Derby. Secretariat had finished third in the Wood Memorial, his final prep race. Being a son of Bold Ruler, Secretariat's endurance was under question. Could he get the Derby distance of a mile-and-a-quarter?

"There was that lingering doubt about offspring of Bold Ruler getting the trip," Hancock said. "He did it obviously, and then when you looked and saw the time he did it in, it was a big, 'Wow.' "

"Not only did he win, but he set the record for time (1:59 ⅖)," Hammond said. "This is what astounded me, that each quarter mile was faster than the last. That just doesn't happen in a mile-and-a-quarter race."

Next came the Preakness, where Secretariat made a spectacular move on the clubhouse turn on the way to the victory, passing his competitors as if they were sitting still. "He went from damn near last to first in the blink of an eye," Hancock said.

After the win, there was controversy over the winning time. Those with stopwatches claimed Secretariat had gone so fast not even the official timer had clocked him correctly. After 39 years of debate, the Maryland Racing Commission voted unanimously in 2012 to change the official time to 1:53 flat, the time determined by digital technology unavailable in 1973.

"I think that incident too was creating interest," Wall said. "It was man against machine."

Finally, last but not least, there was the Belmont Stakes, the grueling mile-and-a-half challenge that has ended many Triple Crown aspirations. Secretariat's was a legendary Belmont. The Belmont of all Belmonts. There was the unbelievable 31-length winning margin. There was the famous photograph of jockey Ron Turcotte looking back in the stretch to see his competitors off in the distance. There was the legendary call of race announcer Chic Anderson: "Secretariat is widening now. He is moving like a tremendous machine."

"That is burned into my mind," Hancock said.

"And you know he got the margin just about right," said Hammond, who was friends with Anderson. "I don't know how in the world you would estimate how many lengths, but he did."

That Secretariat could win the Triple Crown, and do so in record times in all three races -- records that stand to this day -- and top it off with such a mythical performance only added to the legend.

"That whole intrigue over the Triple Crown -- will a horse win that thing again -- created an aura," Wall said. "When he does win it, he must be a winged-creature that he could do this. And now everybody is paying attention to him."

"We've had four Triple Crown winners since then," Finley said of Seattle Slew in 1977, Affirmed in 1978, American Pharoah in 2015 and Justify in 2018. "None of the four have compared to his."

As a 12-year-old, Finley witnessed the Belmont in person when his family made the trip to New York from Philadelphia. He remembers that day, without a ticket for a seat, but hanging around in the aisles with a friend he had brought along. They watched in disbelief as Secretariat just kept going faster and faster and faster.

"I think it's indisputable that was the greatest performance in the history of horse racing by a mile," Finley said. "I think if you take all the greatest horses who ever lived from Man o' War on down and had them run the greatest race of their lives, they wouldn't have beat him that day. They probably wouldn't have lost by 31 lengths, but I bet they would have lost by 10."

## 'A girl from Colorado'

Along the way, there was the figure of Tweedy, a female owner in a sport dominated by rich male owners. That in itself made the story more identifiable and interesting for the general public.

"You think of all the major owners of that era, not only did they come from almost American aristocracy, but they're all men," Finley said. "Phipps. Vanderbilt. Mellon. Etc. Here comes this relatively young woman who takes over the stable after her father dies and she's charismatic, she's bright, she's articulate. She didn't mind going in front of the camera. I think that added to the story."

"She was a woman at a time when women's lib was flourishing," Wall said. "You've got Gloria Steinem writing and giving talks. And you've got women burning bras. And here comes Penny Tweedy among these wealthy New York men who own racehorses and control the sport."

"It was different," said Hammond, who got to know Tweedy when he worked as the announcer at the Keeneland sales. "Here is this lady who apparently has a backbone of steel but does it in a nice way. Gets her way without alienating you. She was good copy. In a man's world, she handled herself and her horse so well."

According to Bill Nack's seminal 1975 book on Secretariat, "Big Red of Meadow Stable," Tweedy herself once said her story was, "Can a girl from Colorado find success and happiness among the ruthless and powerful men of New York racing?"

Tweedy also both protected and promoted the horse's legacy. She made every appearance, signed every autograph, many times in appearances with Turcotte. She hired the famous William Morris Agency, a huge public relations firm in New York, to represent the horse. She started a foundation for laminitis research. She remained visible to the public.

"She made sure his legacy was secure," Wall said. "She wanted him presented in the best way possible. She never disappeared, not to the day she died (in 2017)."

## Admired, appreciated ... beloved ... Secretariat.

Claiborne Farm also played an important role, opening its doors for tourists to come see Secretariat in person, answering letters that were sent to the farm.

Hammond remembers the late Dick Enberg, a sports broadcasting giant who helped mentor Hammond at NBC, asking if he could see Secretariat while in Lexington for a Kentucky basketball game. So Hammond drove Enberg to Claiborne Farm where Hancock joined them.

"We went to Secretariat's paddock. Seeing us, he trotted over and he always knew he was the star of the show. He was posing regally and looking at us," Hammond said. "Dick said, 'How can you tell if a horse is going to be great?' I said, 'You can't tell if he's going to be great but you can study their pedigree, see how their ancestors have done, see how they're put together, their conformation.

"And then Seth said, 'Sometimes you can just see it in their eyes.' When he said that, Secretariat jerked his head around looked right at Dick Enberg, looked him right in the eye. It was something that Dick never forgot. He always told that story."

During the country's bicentennial in 1976, NBC's "Today Show" did one broadcast from all 50 states. Its broadcast from Kentucky originated from just outside Secretariat's paddock at Claiborne Farm.

For better or worse, there was also the "Secretariat" movie, released in 2010 and loosely based on Nack's book. Insiders cringe over the Hollywood inaccuracies and embellishments in the movie -- "I couldn't finish it," Hammond said -- but both in theaters and on cable television and streaming, the movie has introduced younger generations to the story.

"My brother, who never paid attention to horse racing, phoned me and said, 'We saw this movie about Secretariat.' He was amazed about this wonderful horse and I'm thinking, 'He just now discovered this horse that I was around,' " Wall said. "I think the movie had a lot to do with it, why we're still talking about Secretariat."

Plus, there is video of Secretariat and his races, something largely unavailable during the time of Man o' War or Citation. During that 37-year-period without a Triple Crown winner, Secretariat's accomplishments were shown over and over again. And you can see them now, on social media and YouTube.

It must also be mentioned that this is an animal story. We love our animals, the connection we have with them. "Horses have a way of getting inside of you," Nack wrote in a reflection of Secretariat for Sports Illustrated.

As such, Secretariat wasn't just admired or appreciated, he was beloved. Even after Secretariat's death in 1989 at age 19 because of laminitis, people still ask to see his grave.

Consider this: There are currently six bronze Secretariat statues -- two at the Kentucky Horse Park, one at the National Racing Hall of Fame at Saratoga, one at Belmont Park, one at a traffic circle in Lexington and the most recent one, unveiled in Ashland, Virginia, on April 1 to commemorate Secretariat's birth. A seventh is on the way, to be displayed at a Secretariat Park in Paris, home of Claiborne Farm.

So is anyone surprised that 50 years later we are still talking about Secretariat? Not really.

"It's a little cliché to throw out the Michael Jordan comparison, but it's true," Finley said. "Fifty years from now they'll be talking about Michael Jordan and his accomplishments the same way they're talking about Secretariat."

"It was just a hell of a story," Hancock said. "But I think the timing of it is why people latched onto him and even to this day still remember it."

Said Wall, "I think we're still looking for heroes."

And we know we might never see another Secretariat.

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**148TH KENTUCKY DERBY** ONE YEAR LATER ...

# How Rich Strike changed lives in year after 80-1 shocker

**By Caroline Makauskas**
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In an interview following Rich Strike's improbable 80-1 victory in the 2022 Kentucky Derby, owner Richard Dawson said that the moment felt like a dream. Nearly a year later, Dawson believes the experience is even better.

"No way I could have predicted what it's really like afterward," Dawson said. "I think reality is probably better than the dream. And not only for me, but for my trainer and his family, and my family and friends and all those connections. It is an unbelievable thing. It's something that's always there and never taken away from you. You're always a Derby champion."

Rich Strike shocked the world when he became the horse with the second-longest odds to ever win the Kentucky Derby after gaining access to the field the day before the race. Rich Strike qualified as an "also-eligible" entrant after Ethereal Road scratched.

Rich Strike's trainer, Eric Reed, didn't claim to know his horse could do it, but he did always think he stood a chance.

"He was such an underdog and he was thrown out by all the handicappers and the experts," Reed said. "I never told anybody he would win the race, but I always knew -- if he got in -- he could run well in it because the distance and the track, and getting back to the dirt was going to be a big plus. Plus, the way he had finished all the other races, we were eager to have a chance at a mile and a quarter."

Up to that point, Rich Strike had just one career win in seven starts and none in 2022. His singular win arrived at Churchill Downs, a track he's clearly taken to, in a maiden claiming race in September 2021. Dawson and Reed paid $30,000 at the claiming booth for Rich Strike in 2021.

Rich Strike defied the odds in a race he wasn't even supposed to run. So what has his victory done for his team?

Dawson, who's always been passionate about supporting both veteran causes and the breast cancer awareness campaign Tough Enough to Wear Pink, said that winning the Derby opened the door to further help others where he can. Now semi-retired at the age of 66, Dawson is pleased to have been given the opportunity.

"Life has been pretty good to me," said Dawson, whose team collected the Derby's $1,860,000 winner's share of the race's $3 million purse. "I was able to go and share and help others. So winning the Derby has allowed me to do that in a little bit bigger and better way."

Dawson has also started a record label/multi-media company in Nashville called RedSunset Entertainment with country artist Colton James. The pair has produced several patriotic songs, featured on James' 2023 release "America."

"When you talk about the dream," Dawson said. "People tell me, 'Rick, you're living the dream.' Because, racehorses and music? How do you get better than that? I mean, what a great retirement."

For Reed, Rich Strike's victory provided some peace following a dark period.

Reed's farm, Mercury Equine Center, suffered a 2016 fire that killed 23 horses. In the years leading up to the Derby, the team lost assistants James Wellman and Nelson "Hollywood" Sweeting, as well as Reed's own grandson.

"The biggest thing was," Reed said of Rich Strike's victory, "it took away all the bad memories of all the bad things that had happened leading up to the Derby. For all the employees and people involved. It shed a big ray of light on some things that have been awful tough for us."

Reed, who keeps a photo of both Wellman and Sweeting in his wallet, said Mercury is a family that rallied together for the Derby win.

"Soon as we would try to pull ourselves back up something else would knock us down. But nobody gave up, and then when you win that race it just makes you happy and you know that all of it wasn't for nothing."

As far as Rich Strike himself, he's about to make his 2023 racing debut in Friday's Alysheba Stakes at Churchill Downs following a well-earned rest. According to Reed, the team made the decision to debut Rich Strike in the $600,000, Grade 2 Alysheba to ease him back into things.